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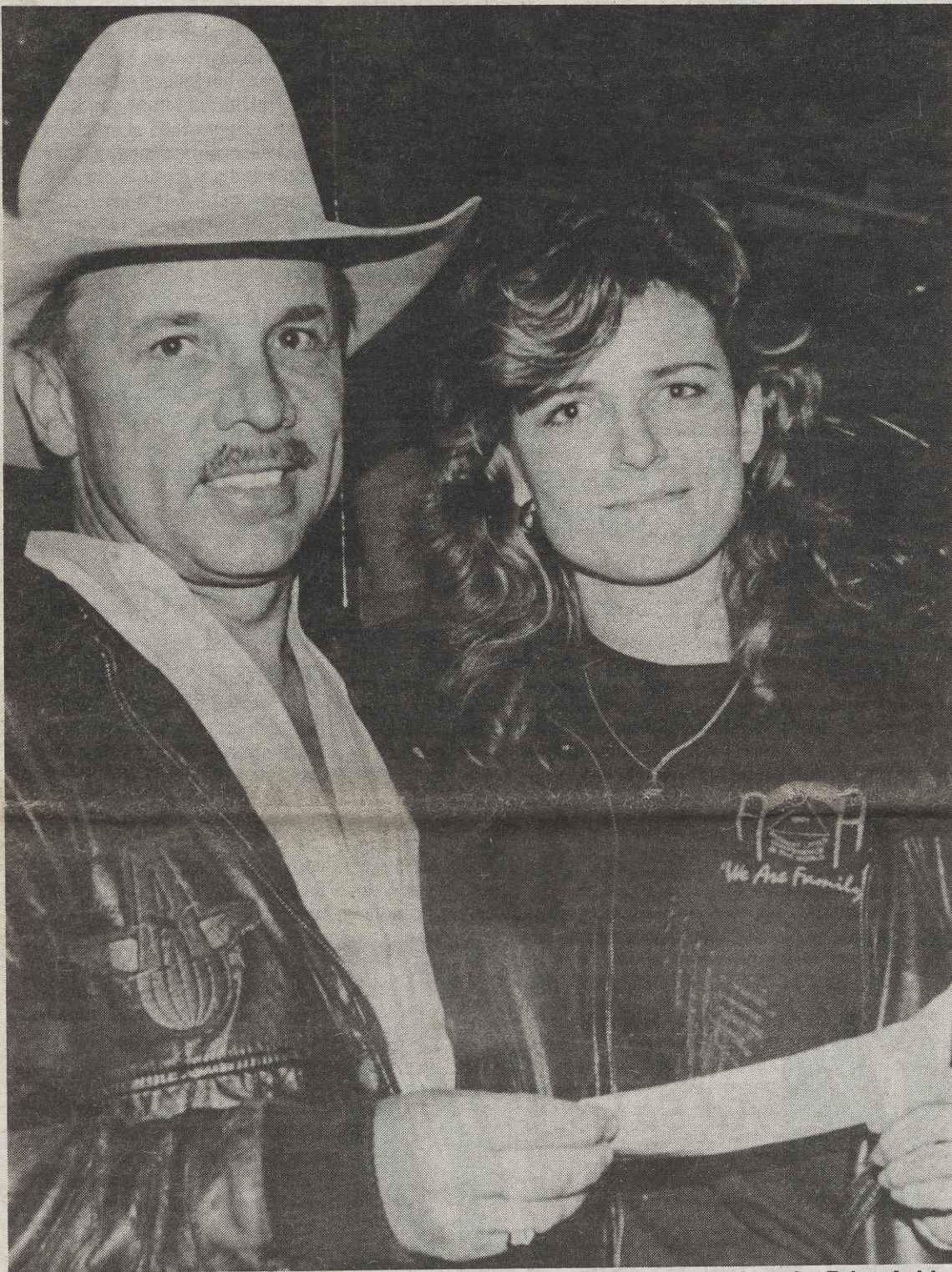


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## Sidie Presents Check to Lavender Angels

Terry Sidie of Faces presented a check for \$1261 to Lavender Angel Shaanon Lindauer. The check was a result of the Pagel Model guest D.J. fundraiser.

## 'A Very Unnatural Way' Hawaii Picket Closes Anti-Gay Restaurant

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

HONOLULU — After 12 continuous days of protesting outside a delicatessen owned by a radio talk-show host who had said he would not hire an openly gay person in his restaurant, Hawaii activists may not have changed owner Mike Gabbard's mind about gays, but they succeeded in shutting down his business.

Activists began picketing outside the Natural Deli on Jan. 29 after Gabbard told listeners to his weekly radio show, "Let's Talk Straight Hawaii," that if he had to

choose between hiring a gay and non-gay job applicant, "I would take the one that was not homosexual."

Gabbard also told the show's audience that his "justification for not hiring lesbians was that they had 17 times more fatal traffic accidents than other people." He cited "a study" by Paul Cameron, a psychologist who was expelled from the American Psychological Assn. in the 1970s for unethical research standards.

Gabbard's radio program is sponsored by an organization he heads called Stop Promoting Homosexuality, but activists say he used

money from his Natural Way vegetarian deli to pay for the show. Activists charged that his statements about being unwilling to hire gays and lesbians was a public announcement that he would violate the state's recently enacted anti-bias legislation that forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Activists picketed outside the Natural Way deli twice a day during the midday and evening hours until Sunday, Feb. 9, when Gabbard announced that he was shutting down his business, saying the stress of the picketing was "too much to bear."

Gabbard denied that he had ever discriminated against anyone at his restaurant. "The whole discrimination thing was a smoke screen," he said. But Gabbard went on to add that if he had said on his program

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## \$1.2 Million in Funds at Stake S.F. United Way Puts Boy Scouts On Notice Over Anti-Gay Policy

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — The United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) took the unprecedented step of putting local chapters of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on notice that they must agree to stop discriminating against gays within 45 days or face the prospect of losing the \$1.2 million in United Way funds. But despite the move, activists in Washington, D.C., say they will be going ahead with a call for a national boycott of United Ways around the country - including the San Francisco charity.

UWBA's board of directors overwhelmingly adopted a special task force report recommending that either the national Boy Scouts begin the process of changing its anti-gay policies or that the six local Scout councils that enroll some 100,000 youngsters in the five-county Bay Area get "an exemption from the national BSA position on a pilot basis for the purpose of adopting a local policy that is in harmony with the social diversity, values and spirit" of the region here.

Although the report doesn't explicitly threaten to halt United Way funding for the Scouts if its recommendations are not met, it was clear that withholding the money was the only stick the United Way could wield against the Scouts if the 82-year-old youth group does not comply.

But a regional scouting official announced just two days before the United Way's decision that the task force recommendations were "totally unacceptable" to the Scouts. At a preemptive press conference on Tuesday, Feb. 18, Buford Hill, the western regional director of the Boy Scouts of America, reaffirmed the Scouts' national anti-gay policy, saying BSA's "values and principles are not up for negotiation."

"The report reads like an ultimatum," Hill said, "and we find it inappropriate and inconsistent with the long, productive relationship we have had with United Way of the Bay Area for half a century. I know that the members of this task force meant well in their efforts, but they are advocating a position that is unacceptable and untenable for the Boy Scouts of America. We cannot allow the mission of the BSA to be changed by the United Way." Hill also noted that the Scouts' national executive board voted unanimously in Washington, D.C., earlier in February to reaffirm the youth group's anti-gay policies.

United Way officials declined to speculate about what action it might take if the six local Scout councils have not agreed to the task force recommendations by the April 6 deadline.

Despite UWBA's action, however, Bart Church of Queer Nation

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## AB 2601 Introduced

LIFE Lobby and Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles) announced the introduction of a new bill to secure employment protections for lesbian and gay Californians.

"This new bill, AB 2601, is not about starting over. The campaign for AB 101 was an enormous effort. We are building on that campaign," said LIFE Lobbyist Laurie McBride. "We're building upon incredible support that brought in over 100,000 letters and postcards; building on outreach that resulted in over 300 organizational endorsements."

One month after the veto, an appellate court decision found that Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102 cover sexual orientation. That decision, *Soroka vs. Dayton Hudson*, expanded a 1979 California Supreme Court decision, *Gay Law Students vs. Pacific Telephone*. Immediately following the *Soroka* decision, the Governor instructed the Labor Commissioner to begin accepting employment discrimination complaints based on sexual orientation. To date 30 complaints have been filed; the Commissioner

is expected to announce decisions in one or two cases.

Unlike AB 101, the focus is no longer whether employment rights of gays and lesbians should be protected under the law. Instead, AB 2601 codifies existing case law and



Photo by Pamela Coffey

Assemblyman Terry Friedman announces the new gay and lesbian employment bill, AB 2601.

the focus turns to who is liable under existing law. For the Labor Code does not have exemptions for either small business nor the religious organizations that were contained in AB 101. ▼

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## write

### Gay Youth Film...

The following letter is about producing a film on gay youth. We think it is a very valuable project.

#### Dear Friend of "Gay Youth":

Your donation has made a difference. Because of you and 160 other generous people and organizations, we have raised over \$75,000 for the completion of "Gay Youth." This fall, I want to begin distributing the video to high schools across the country.

We have completed shooting, paid for the music and narration, and now—to finish—we have to pay for just one more thing: on-line. During the on-line process the picture is beautified; the sound is sweetened; fades, dissolves, and special effects are added; credits and sub-titles are inserted. On-line is expensive—\$220 an hour. We estimate that we will spend about 60 hours on-line. The goods news is we are only \$4,000 from the finish line!

Your tax-deductible check can be made payable to BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators), and sent to Pam Walton, Box 391025, Mountain View, CA 94039. If you would rather not see your name in the credits, please let us know. If you have any questions, (415) 960-3414.

Send your check now. You may help save a young gay or lesbian life!

Pam Walton

For the past few months I have been asking county supervisors to let their constituents vote on whether California government is getting too big and unresponsive to remain one state. The deadline for action is March 6, and it appears the voters of your country will be silent while millions of others are helping to decide the fate of our state. Excuses from supervisors have ranged from "It costs too much" all the way to "I'm afraid it will pass." If enough Californians are interested in the idea of creating two California's, then the legislature will be forced to develop a viable proposal and submit it to the voters on a statewide ballot.

Anyone interested in expressing their opinion in June, either YES or NO to this important question, should contact their county supervisors immediately.

Sincerely,  
Stan Statham  
Assemblyman  
State Capitol  
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### Pastor Cole Upset...

The following was sent to our reporter, Marghe Covino.

Dear Marghe:

A copy of the article bearing your name, "Fundie Minister Preaches AIDS Sure Cure", came into my hands recently. That is the reason for this letter.

It was interesting that your article was written supposedly from a first hand view of the event quoted in the article. However, you must have been in a different building than I. Your article is filled with lies and fabrications, all of which can be

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proven by the tape that was recorded of the message. Therefore I am challenging you to prove to us where I spoke for "one solid hour of gay and lesbian bashing, giving parishioners misinformation about gays, gay relationships and lifestyle." If you mean that the Surgeon General's booklet of information was "misinformation" you have a real big fight ahead of you.

I'm sending a copy of your article and my letter to our attorney and legal counsel. I would be most happy to hear back from you as to clarifications made public on the obvious errors and lies printed in your paper. I can understand some of the feelings expressed in your article about feeling "claustrophobic", etc., but I cannot overlook the errors that you purposely printed in your paper.

Thank you for your response.

Most sincerely,  
Glen D. Cole  
Pastor

### Keep The Fires Burning

Dear Editor,

I wanted to send a note of gratitude for your recognition of the *Spartan Daily's* coverage of Gay Pride Week at San Jose State in your Nov. 15 issue.

We have received a few letters from your readership, and nothing could possibly make us feel better. As a Sacramento native, it made me especially proud.

We also received a letter of commendation from South Bay GLAAD in November for our entire semester's work, including columns and stories by and about gay students.

First, as a responsible journalist, and second as a lesbian, I made it a priority for the paper during my tenure as a writer and then editor to give the gay and lesbian community the coverage they deserved. After years of negative coverage by the school paper, it was certainly time justice was done.

Although I no longer control content, the philosophy lives on, and the community is still served remarkably well. Too bad that simply doing our job is something to celebrate, but the world still needs plenty of fixing.

I will continue, with my work at SJSU and as a free-lancer for the *Sacramento News & Review* to get the straight press to do what you've been doing all along—recognizing the community's contributions.

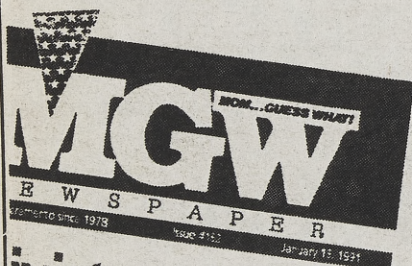
Thanks again, and keep the fires burning.

Sincerely,  
Brooke Sherby Biggs  
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# Local Ordinances Prohibiting Discrimination Overturned in Los Angeles; Sacramento Joins in Appeal

by Deborah Goldstein  
OF MGW STAFF

The city council approved staff recommendations that Sacramento join as *amicus curiae* ("friend of the court"), in the appeal of *Delaney vs. Superior Fast Freight*, a Los Angeles County case relating to local ordinances prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Following a statement by Scott Farrell of the Gay and Lesbian Town Council, members of the Sacramento City Council

voted to join in the appeal with the City of Los Angeles and others.

The City of Sacramento's ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is substantially the same as Los Angeles'. A Los Angeles superior court judge had ruled in *Delaney vs. Superior Fast Freight* that a City of Los Angeles ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is preempted by the State Fair Employment and Housing Act and therefore invalid. The plaintiff has filed

an appeal with the Second District Court of Appeal, and Sacramento will be joining in that appeal, according to a letter sent on Thursday, February 13, 1992, by the Sacramento City Attorney's office.

Similar ordinances in Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, Santa Cruz, West Hollywood and San Diego are also threatened. The current State Fair Employment and Housing Act does not specifically cover discrimination based on sexual orientation.▼



Photo by Deborah Goldstein  
Scott Farrell, representing Sacramento's Gay/Lesbian Town Council, urges the City Council to take action.

## HRCF Questionnaire: Democratic Presidential Hopefuls' Responses On Gay Rights

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

MANCHESTER, N.H. — At a Feb. 11 press conference here, the influential Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) announced that all four leading Democratic presidential hopefuls in the Tuesday, Feb. 18, primary had agreed to sign federal legislation ensuring full civil rights protections to lesbians and gay men. But one of the candidates' responses - that of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton - was less than unequivocal, and some lesbian/gay rights activists said they found the HRCF presidential survey results "surprising" and in conflict with two of the other candidates' records on gay rights so far.

According to an HRCF press release, Clinton, former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas, and Senators Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Tom Harkin of Iowa all "have agreed to sign federal legislation ensuring equal rights for lesbians and gay men" in response to an HRCF questionnaire they completed.

But Eric Rosenthal of the HRCF said that in answering its survey, Clinton had not actually checked either the "yes" or "no" response to the question about whether or not he would sign the federal legislation but had written out a response in which he expressed to areas of concern about the bill as it now stands.

About the federal gay rights bill, Clinton replied that he could not support the legislation now pending in both houses of Congress "in its current form" and questioned "portions of the bill dealing with the hiring of secular employees by religious organizations." Clinton also raised the question of whether or not the bill might mean companies would have to adopt quotas in hiring lesbians and gays although the bill specifically excludes adopt-

ing quotas in employment.

In an interview, Rosenthal said of the questionnaire, "It's a snapshot in time. It's one piece of information that people in our community ought to use in evaluating these candidates." Rosenthal also said, "Clinton points out one or two concerns he has with the federal bill, but he also makes it clear that he favors this legislation."

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Elsewhere in the HRCF questionnaire, Clinton said, "I think it is imperative that the U.S. government act to end discrimination against gays and lesbians" and says he would issue an executive order ending the Department of Defense policy of excluding gays and lesbians from the military.

But David M. Smith of the Los Angeles-based Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center criticized Clinton's vagueness on lesbian/gay civil rights issues. "A candidate should come clean on how they view gay and lesbian civil rights. If they don't come out either for or against it, they're just sitting around with their finger in the air testing the political wind."

Other activists also questioned the commitment to gay rights issues of some of the other Demo-

cratic candidates.

Liz Offen, co-chair of the lesbian caucus of the National Women's Political Caucus, said she found Kerrey's and Harkin's expressed agreement on the federal gay rights bill "surprising" because neither had signed on as co-sponsors of the bill during the years they've been in the Senate. The bill now has 104 co-sponsors, including 13 Senators. Kerrey was elected to the Senate in 1988 and Harkin in 1984.

Offen also noted that in 1982 when Kerrey was a member of the Lincoln, Neb., Human Rights Commission campaigning to become the state's governor, he called homosexuality "immoral" even though he supported an initiative to add gay-rights legislation to the city's books. After the law was overwhelmingly rejected by Lincoln voters, Kerrey again said he thought homosexuality was "not moral" and promised he would never support gay-rights legislation again.

Last November Kerrey also caused a national flap when he was caught by C-SPAN cameras telling a joke to Clinton that contained extremely graphic sexual language that is considered insulting to women and lesbians. Kerrey quickly apologized for the joke, but nevertheless said he would not co-sponsor the federal legislation.

In answering the HRCF questionnaire, however, Kerrey indicated that he supported the federal rights bill and said, "My campaign has met with gay and lesbian groups in Minnesota, Florida and Washington D.C. to ask for their input on an important national issue."

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown had not responded to the HRCF survey and the three Republican candidates, President Bush, former TV commentator Patrick Buchanan, and ex-KKK leader and Louisiana state representative David Duke, also failed to respond, according to the HRCF.▼

## editorial

# Celebrate Gay And Lesbian Press Month

This is the month designated to celebrate the gay and lesbian press. The many things we can celebrate — a growing professionalism; solid insights; good investigative journalism; more publications and magazines on the scene; a growing, thriving publishing industry — only serve to point up the things we need to fix.

From a publishing standpoint we need to see the kind of advertising revenue which will allow us to continue to upgrade the quality of our product by being able to pay good journalists and technical people to produce it. We have to be able to make it worthwhile for reporters to work in and report on our communities.

We must address the growing concern that we do NOT have good statewide or national communication. Those papers and publications which subscribe to the Associated Press gay wire service are depending on non-gay wire reporters to interpret what news is important to the gay and lesbian community. It just doesn't work — but it IS cheap and convenient and, for the most part, we don't generate the kind of revenues which allow us to hire full time professionals.

We have to develop the kind of advertising base which will allow us to print newspapers which are taken seriously and are not looked upon by the non-gay (and even some of the gay and lesbian) community as "sex rags." But then the dilemma we face is whether the paper will be read. Is our readership demanding sex and gossip in our own papers and looking to the "real" press for their real news?

Our reporters are another story as they walk the line between advocacy journalism and professional objectivity. Despotic, corrupt publishers are still another story. "Czar Wars" have served to diminish both the credibility and the accountability of our press. But the bottom line remains power, influence and money.

Even though we DO have some things to celebrate, we also have to recognize we've come a long way, baby, but we've still got a helluva long way to go.▼

## LIFE Lobby Needs You!!

In the past 30 days, the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE), sponsors of AB 101, has been actively raising \$40,000 to expand their operations. LIFE needs your help!

Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition has increased his staff in Sacramento to four lobbyists. LIFE needs to meet these increased demands by filling current and adding new positions.

With another employment rights bill, sponsored by LIFE, moving through the legislature in 1992, we must support LIFE in any way we can.

The River City Democratic Club, a LIFE affiliate, has committed to raising \$2,000. Send your checks to Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality, 926 J Street, Suite 1020, 95814.

For information: Katie Merrill, 451-1970.▼

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## Julia Child, Institute Sued for Anti-Gay Bias

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Daniel Coulter has filed a \$3 million lawsuit against the American Institute for Wine and Food (AIWF) claiming he was refused the job as executive director of the prestigious culinary organization because famed chef Julia Child, a founder and honorary chairwoman of the organization, did not want a gay person heading it.

The nonprofit American Institute of Wine and Food was founded in 1981 by Child, vintner Robert Mondavi and others, to promote a better understand of fine food and wine. Child, best known as the "French Chef," is now the organization's honorary chairwoman.

In the suit, Coulter claims Dorothy Cann, chairwoman of the board, told him Child was "rabidly homophobic" and that her "homophobia would undermine plaintiff's

effectiveness" as executive director.

Richard Graff, AIWF treasurer and one of the group's founders, called Coulter's charges "absurd" and says Coulter didn't get the executive director's post because his background is in marketing and AIWF was looking for someone with experience in nonprofit fundraising.

"He was invited to participate in the selection process," Graff said, "and he just didn't have the qualifications. We're not interested in whether he's gay or not."

Graff also dismissed Coulter's charges against Child, calling her "a very down-to-earth and open-minded person."

The accusations aimed against Child have startled many gays who have long considered her an up-front ally. Child was in fact a long-time close friend of chef James Beard, one of the culinary world's best known openly gay figures. In a 1974 interview in a gay newspaper, Child was asked if she was aware of the large number of gay fans who regularly watched her TV shows. Child is quoted as replying, "Yes, I am, and I think that's fine. I think many gay people really enjoy cooking a lot."

Child said she has nothing to do with filling the executive director's post and knew nothing about Coulter. "I haven't hear of Coulter or any of the applicants, so I don't have any comment at all," Child said. ▽

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in Washington, D.C., said the group's call for a boycott of United Ways throughout the country would be announced on Monday, Feb. 24, as scheduled, apparently including UWBA. But activists in San Francisco say the UWBA has done "the right thing" and will not be the object of a local boycott.

The national United Way boycott, which is being organized by D.C.'s Queer Nation, Queer Scouts in San Francisco, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is demanding that the some 2,100 local United Ways must announce their intention to defund all Boy Scout programs at the end of their current fiscal years and adopt anti-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation in order to avoid the boycott.

Ken McPherson of Forgotten Scouts, a national organization of gay Scouts and former Scouts working to change BSA's national policies, praised the San Francisco United Way's decision as "a significant step forward" but said he was disappointed in Hull's hard-line approach. "We feel it's time for the Boy Scouts to open a dialogue and learn who we are as people," McPherson said. "Many gay people are among the best role models the community has to offer." ▽

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that he would hire a gay rather than non-gay job applicant that that "would have been discriminating against heterosexuals" and insisted that "homosexuality is not normal, it's not healthy behavior."

He charged that trying to "squell free speech and freedom of ideas was the real aim of the protesters. "They can't stand to have a different point of view given other than their own," he said.

But activists said it was Gabbard who was abusing his freedom of speech to break the law and then trying to blame them for exercising their constitutional rights.

Bill Woods, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Education

and Advocacy (GLEA) Foundation, said, "We merely used statement Gabbard put on in his abuse of freedom of speech, and the vast majority [of customers] made a conscious decision not to continue to support this business."

Sharyle Lyndon, president of Hawaii's Pride Parade and Rally Council, and one of the picket organizers, said, "We came gayly forward in protest... to let the people know those who abuse us. I believe that taking action was necessary to bring the perpetrators of such injustice to the public's attention. We told the public, please, help us stop discrimination - and they did."

Gabbard said he has no plans to open another restaurant, but said that he hoped to be able to continue with his radio program. ▽

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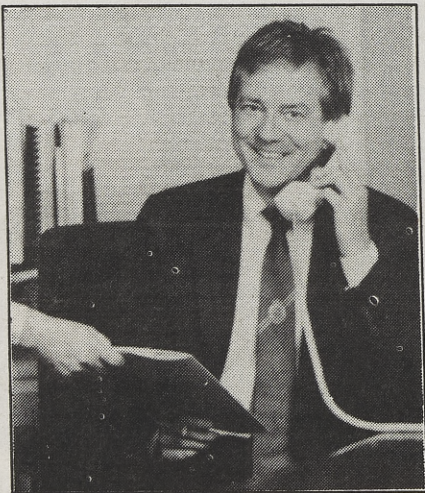
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## Police Department Implements Problem Oriented Policing

The Sacramento Police Department has formed a Problem Oriented Policing Program that will assist with ongoing problems within the Sacramento community. The Problem Oriented Policing Program, or POP, is designed to encourage police officers to use both traditional and non-traditional law enforcement tools.

Problem Oriented Policing is a system that police can use to identify, analyze and respond to the underlying circumstances that often result in crime, social disorder and related calls for service. POP encourages officers to find long-term solutions to continuing community problems.

There is growing recognition that standard "incident driven" policing methods have not had a substantial impact on the problems that citizens want the police to solve. This concern has led police departments across the nation to look for more effective approaches to policing.

The Sacramento Police Department sees POP as that more effective approach. It focuses on three main themes:

- Increased effectiveness by identifying underlying problems that give rise to incidents that require patrol and detective services.
- Reliance on the expertise and creativity of beat officers to study problems carefully and develop innovative responses.
- Ensuring that the police consider and respond to a wide variety of problems affecting the quality of neighborhood life, not just crime.

Does the role of the police change? The POP Department will become more than a crime control, emergency services agency. It will evolve into a program that includes the criminal justice system, other government agencies, private institutions and private citizens.

Currently, the Police Department has eight POP officers assigned to the Patrol Division. The POP officers have been trained in problem solving and the use and coordination of resources.

POP officers work cooperatively with the city's building inspectors, code enforcement officers, Neighborhood Challenge Program, Environmental Health Department, the City Attorney's Office, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, community groups, City Council, landlords and other local agencies to develop a concerted response that will result in an end to the problem.

The goal of the Sacramento Police Department is to have all of its officers using both traditional and non-traditional policing methods and to institutionalize POP as a regular department function.▼

## Bias Motivated Crimes Hot Line

The Sacramento Police Department has established a telephone hotline phone number for reporting bias motivated crimes, more commonly known as "hate crimes." Bias motivated crimes are defined as "any criminal acts or attempted criminal acts to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage where there is a reasonable cause to believe that the crime was motivated in whole or in part by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability."

The Sacramento Police Department views bias motivated crimes as a very serious offense, and it is making every effort to accurately track these crimes. Unfortunately, unless these crimes

## Allan Bèrubè Reveals Real Reason for Military's Anti-Gay Policy

by David Eckert  
MGW ASSOC EDITOR

Allan Bèrubè, author of *Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War Two*, stunned his CSUS audience when he revealed what he believed to be the military's underlying reason for its 50 year campaign of persecution against gay men and lesbians in uniform.

Speaking on the subject "Teaching Bigotry: 50 Years of the Military Anti-Gay Policy," Bèrubè began by stating the theme of his address: that the United States military, supported by taxpayer dollars, since World War II has been teaching virulent anti-gay bigotry to the nation's youth. This has been accomplished through a combination of screening (asking about sexual preference during induction), lectures in basic training which promote a stereotypical understanding of homosexuality, and secret interrogations during military investigations into an individual's sexual behavior. In addition, the military has repeatedly displayed homosexual individuals by segregating them during discharge proceedings and making their presence known to others in order to encourage ridicule and brutality. Finally, the threat of a punitive discharge and public disgrace serves to keep gay men and lesbians in the closet.

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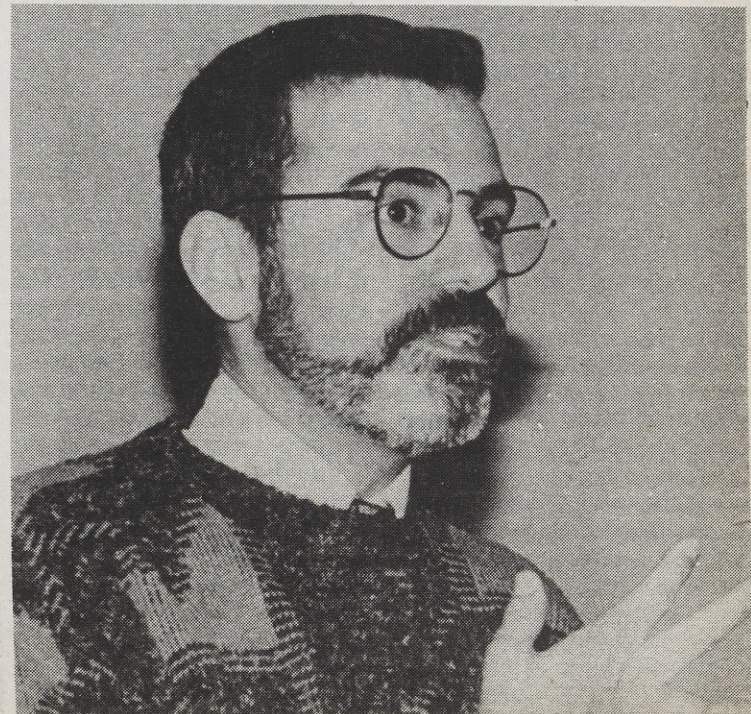


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Author Allan Bèrubè Reveals Discrepancies in U.S. Military's Anti-Gay/Lesbian Policy

this policy are familiar: the standard military line is that the presence of homosexuals in the armed forces is "incompatible with military service and a threat to the morale, good order and discipline of the services." The military insists on this rationale despite the fact that:

- The military has never been asked to prove this assertion.

- Every study of gays and lesbians in the military has shown that they are just as capable as their heterosexual counterparts.

- Public opinion on this policy is currently running 60-80% against the military's position.

- The presence of a significant number of homosexuals in the military who are outstanding performers is documented (a fact attested to in writing by the Navy's own Commander of the Atlantic Fleet in a memo to his ship commanders).

Bèrubè then asked, in light of the overwhelming evidence against the military's justification for this policy, why they cling to it so stubbornly? It is Bèrubè's belief that the real reason is an issue of power and fear: the power of heterosexual men to dominate and subvert gay and lesbian people, and the fear of the heterosexual man or woman that they might be considered sexually attractive to

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Ultimately, Bèrubè pointed out, it is deep-rooted homophobia at a very personal level that supports the continuation of the military's policy in the face of overwhelming rational evidence against it. The question we must ask is: as taxpayers, can we support with our tax dollars the continuation of a policy that is ruining lives and wasting millions? January 1993 marks the 50th anniversary of the initiation of the military's anti-gay policy. We must work to see that whoever occupies the White House at that time moves swiftly to bring this national disgrace to an end.▼

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## HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox  
AIDS/HIV EDITOR

### AZT Study Findings Questioned...

Starting AZT therapy earlier in the HIV cycle seems to be beneficial in putting off the onset of full-blown AIDS, but didn't extend lifespan overall, according to the recently-released results of a study begun five years ago. 338 people with ARC symptoms, such as thrush in the mouth, were enrolled in the test; half were given AZT right away, and the other half were given the drug as soon as they showed signs of getting an AIDS illness. In the early-treatment group, only 28 progressed to full-blown AIDS, compared to 48 in the other group—implying a clear benefit of the drug in putting off AIDS illnesses. However, the death rate in both groups was approximately the same, and there was no overall increase in lifespan in the group starting therapy earlier as the study had hoped to prove, due mainly to the fact that this group had to contend with more side effects (anemia, sometimes requiring blood transfusions; nausea or vomiting in some people; and AZT's tendency to rapidly decline as soon as its power has weakened). Of the 338 who started the study, 295 are still alive.

• Note #1: The parameters used in this study are not yet known; it was printed in early February's *New England Journal of Medicine*, and local experts want to take a closer look at how the study was done. For instance, five years ago, people were routinely given 12 to 14 AZT pills a day. Could this be why so many people had to contend with anemia? Numerous other questions need to be answered about the results of this study. It's still thought by many physicians and experts that early administration of AZT will forestall the onset of AIDS illnesses. The current dosage of a maximum of six pills a day is showing only a 1.6% anemia rate.

• Note #2: This study did not take into account the more recent discoveries that AZT appears to become revitalized and regain its benefits when used in combination with DDI or DDC, even after it's lost its benefits when used alone. This discovery is so new that it's not yet known how long this "second charge" will last, and if AZT can continue to work if it's continually alternated with different medications. Sacramento physicians believe AZT, either alone or in combination, should be given at the 500 T-cell mark. Other drugs such as erythropoietin (EPO) often forestall the need for transfusions due to AZT-induced anemia when it does occur.

### DDC Underground Sources Changing...

AIDS activists are calling upon Hoffman-La Roche Labs in New Jersey, maker of DDC, to supply the drug to those individuals who have been obtaining it from "un-

derground" buyers clubs. A recent lab report by the Food and Drug Administration of the previous underground version, used by thousands of people who can't obtain the real thing, shows that some capsules contained no active ingredient and others carried twice the recommended dosage. Many buyers clubs have now suspended sales of this version on safety grounds at the urging of the FDA. The Project Inform group in San Francisco (Healing Alternatives) no longer has DDC and is working with the Fort Lauderdale Buyers Club (which can be contacted at 1-800-447-9242) to obtain a new supply. The new supply will be subject to stringent tests to assure that each capsule contains the proper dosage. The version being sold by Fort Lauderdale's "Fight for Life" Program is the upgraded version which is made by a pharmaceutical company in Europe. Their DDC costs \$25 for 60 pills, which are .5 milligrams (twice the strength of the previous version, so fewer pills per day are needed). It will be sent out within 10 days of ordering it, and they take MasterCard and Visa. (Do not take this drug without first consulting your physician. It is toxic, and the reactions of your organs and nerve endings need to be constantly monitored while using it.) La Roche has agreed to hold talks with FDA about making DDC available to those depending on buyers clubs. About 6,000 people with AIDS get the La Roche DDC because they qualify under current regulations that make it available only to those who are unable to take AZT and who have no history of peripheral neuropathy (damage to nerve endings).

Physicians may get information about applying for La Roche's expanded use program for their patients who need DDC by calling 1-800-332-2144. After the application is filled out by the physician and returned, it takes about a month before the person needing DDC can obtain it. There is no cap on this "expanded use" study, and physicians may apply for any number of patients they wish. There is still no vehicle, however, from the manufacturer or the FDA that allows people to take a combination of AZT and DDC at the same time (which appears to be the best way to take both drugs). People will still be dependent on the underground to stay alive (a shameful game to be playing eleven years into the epidemic), and Fort Lauderdale says their phone never stops ringing!

### DDI: A Hard Pill to Swallow...

The newer version of DDI is a large pill containing buffering that allows much more of the drug to be absorbed by the body than the DDI previously available in envelopes. But how best to get it down? Dr. Bary Siegel says he's recommending that people drop by their nearest health food store, gourmet shop, or drug store and get a mortar pestle—a small bowl that comes with a hand-held implement that crushes spices (don't ask for a "DDI smasher"—they won't have a clue).

The ground-up pieces can then be mixed in water and easily swallowed! Michael Campbell from CARES emphasizes the use of water only: DO NOT use fruit juice or any citrus beverage to wash down the pills; in fact, don't drink any acid-based drink for about a half-hour before or after taking the pills. The acidic content will completely neutralize any benefit the medication can achieve. Dr. Jeff Payne adds that it's critical that two DDI pills be taken at the same time or they won't be absorbed at all. They were made to be taken two at a time: each pill contains only half enough buffer to neutralize a person's stomach acid and make the pill work.

### Do We See A Flicker of Light?

The White House said they will not reprimand or contradict President Bush's personal physician, Dr. Burton Lee, who recently said some lawmakers are hindering the fight against AIDS. He was quoted as saying their views were "very ignorant" and are blocking programs that could slow the spread of this disease. When asked specifically who he was referring to, he named Senator Jesse Helms and Congressman William Dannemeyer. The White House said Lee was speaking for himself and not for the Administration, but said they feel "he's free to speak his mind."

### TB Outbreak Feared...

Top AIDS scientist Dr. Anthony Fauci warns that the spread of a drug-resistant tuberculosis may become as serious a health threat as AIDS. TB is now being found in more and more people with AIDS, and is capable of being transmitted to health care workers and ultimately to other non-HIV people in the country. Fauci says this threat may well turn out to be a major one. TB is listed as one of the opportunistic infections that can be deadly to people with AIDS, and appears to be the only one so far that can be spread from a person with HIV to a person without HIV. It can ordinarily be successfully treated in both people with a healthy immune system and those with HIV. Fauci says more researchers are needed, and that major efforts need to be quickly directed at developing new drugs and vaccines.

### Local Theater Sued...

A Sacramento landscaper who sat on a hypodermic syringe left in a seat at the Cinedome Theaters last May has filed a \$2 million suit against theater owners because he says he may have contracted the AIDS virus. He has had two AIDS

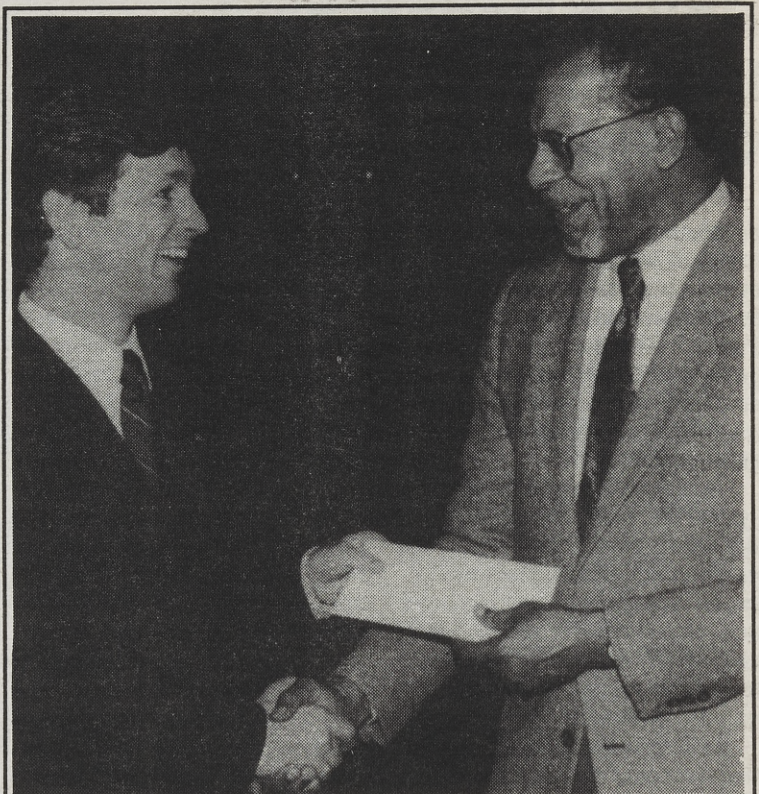


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### \$15,000 for SAF

Ken Topper presents a check for \$15,000 to Gus Guichard of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at the bequest of the late Stan Hadden. Even as he neared death, Stan was still thinking of others. The money he donated to the AIDS Foundation and other charities was made possible because during the last years of his life, Stan took advantage of his veteran's status and bought several life insurance policies through the Veteran's Administration. These policies did not require a physical exam to become active. Although Ken was named as the beneficiary in these policies, he and Stan agreed that the money should go where it would do the most good. Several Sacramento AIDS organizations have benefitted from Stan and Ken's generosity.

tests and both have come back negative. His attorney argues that he will have to repeat the test every six months for the next ten years to be certain he's still negative. (Actually, this is not a correct contention. If this man has no unprotected sex with an HIV partner, or other unsafe encounters with tainted blood between last May and this coming May, his negative test will have a 99 percent chance of being correct at that time; it's thought that nearly 100 percent of infections will show up within two years, and most certainly within three. The odds of contracting the AIDS virus from a contaminated needle are estimated at about 1 chance in 250.) But this sad incident points up the fact that we all need to take extra care in our surroundings now. Don't jam your hand into a bathroom trashcan when throwing away wet paper towels; be careful when you sit; on and on; be more alert out there in the real world!

### The Statistics...

As of last month 206,392 cases of AIDS have been reported in this country, with a loss of 133,233

people. Nearly 46,000 new cases were reported last year alone; this is one-quarter of the number of cases reported over the last 10 years. This snow-balling trend is expected to continue. The Public Health Service says that by the end of next year, there could be 490,000 cases and 340,000 deaths. They expect that the new definition of AIDS, which goes into effect this April, will add about 150,000 cases immediately. This new definition will allow people to receive an official AIDS diagnosis when they've reached 200 T-cells, even if they've never had an opportunistic infection or disease. The new definition still leaves out just about anything to do with illnesses that women are getting, so hopefully it will be revised again so that women will also be able to obtain government and other medical benefits. (Another shameful disaster so far into this epidemic.) In California, 40,078 cases have resulted in 27,612 deaths. In Sacramento, 817 cases have resulted in 557 deaths so far.

### Be Here...

Getting tested and monitoring your HIV status is the only way to get through this epidemic. Numerous preventatives and treatments are now available to keep you healthy. Don't find out the hard way that you're infected—by being hospitalized with a disease you have to fight off, and at the same time trying to deal emotionally with your positive diagnosis. Use condoms at all times to protect yourself from getting sexually transmitted diseases. The person you're with may not tell you his health status: protect YOURSELF at all times! Be here when better medications are developed that can get more and more of us through this epidemic.

Special thanks to Dr. Bary Siegel and Dr. Jeff Payne for their oversight of this column.▼

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## media watch

by Hollie Conley  
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### The Butcher's Wife...

The current Demi Moore film *The Butcher's Wife* contains a rare instance of a non-lethal lesbian character in a Hollywood film. Academy Award nominee Frances McDermont plays an open lesbian who is the best friend of the male lead. Clairvoyant Demi Moore predicts a woman in the character's future, and the subplot is followed throughout the film in a positive way.

Lesbians who don't kill or hate men (or themselves) are considered wildly avant garde and financially risky in Hollywood films. Send appreciative communiques to Wallace Nicta and Lauren Lloyd, Paramount Pictures, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Dressing Room #201, Hollywood, CA 90038.

### TIME...

California lesbians and gays fared so-so in *Time* magazine's recent special issue on California, meriting only passing mention in a few articles, some of them derogatory.

In a series of brief items under the heading "California Grapevine," one paragraph was devoted to the political fallout of Governor Wilson's veto of AB 101. Titled "The Guv's Presidential Hopes Hurt Him at Home," the brief described how Wilson's national political ambitions were probably to blame for the veto, which damaged his reputation in California. The tiny photograph of a Los Angeles protest accompanying this paragraph represented the entirety of *Time's* coverage of the massive and ongoing uprising still going on in Southern California in response to the governor's action.

Most noteworthy, on the positive side, was the inclusion of *Advocate* editor Richard Rouillard in a series of profiles of six trend-makers called "Galaxy of Rising Stars."

The issue also included, of course, two essays representing the old San Francisco versus Los Angeles debate, with writers from each city ridiculing each other. Martha Smilgis wrote the anti-San Francisco piece, and cited gay clout as among the obnoxious things about our town: "Politics, in any case, is monopolized mainly by vociferous gay organizations, gangs of neoprohibitionists and, of course, the ever resentful ecomaniacs."

Send your thoughts to Henry Muller, Managing Editor, *Time* Magazine, Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, N.Y., NY 10020.

### Newsweek...

The November 25 issue of *Newsweek* included a decent article on an important but generally ignored issue: police homophobia

and gay-bashing. Titled "Battling the Bias: Can Gays and Cops Come to New Terms?", the article discussed the difficulties gays and lesbians have in getting the police to take such crimes seriously. It included an insert headed "Crimes of Prejudice" with frightening statistics from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force on the increase in homophobic hate crimes.

The article told of a gay man in Cincinnati who was beaten by police and is now facing murder charges because he bled on the officers (the victim was HIV positive). It also told of progress, such as the formation of the Gay Officers Action League in New York.

Applaud *Newsweek* for giving attention to this grossly underreported issue, and demand they do more coverage of homophobic violence. Write to Richard Smith, Editor in Chief, *Newsweek*, 444 Madison Avenue, N.Y., NY 10022.

largest in the state) has also pledged itself to the inclusion of sexual orientation in the bill.

We believe a law including sexual orientation will pass if Governor Chiles, who is known generally as a liberal, has the guts to specifically support such a clause by including it in his own draft.

Contact Governor Chiles and convince him that a civil rights bill that omits sexual orientation is a mockery. Write him at The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32339-0001, (904) 448-2272.

### Fox TV...

Fox has recently announced that it will accept advertisements for condoms, the first large television network to do so. The change in policy will allow for commercials that promote condoms as a means of preventing HIV transmission, but Fox will continue to censor any mention of birth control. Fox will get plenty of mail telling them they've gone too far; make sure they get some applauding their decision and/or telling them they haven't gone far enough.

Write to Peter Chernin, President, Fox Broadcasting, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213, (213) 277-2211.

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## news clips

by Denise Okamoto  
NEWSCLIP EDITOR

### Ammiano Loses Bid For School Board Presidency

Gay school board member Tom Ammiano is upset because he lost when attempting to become board president after serving last year as vice president. Ammiano needed four votes to become board president and asked current President JoAnne Miller to support him. Miller would only support Ammiano if endorsed her for re-election; Ammiano refused.

--Sentinel

### Restaurant Protest Led by Barney Frank

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank and 400 gay activists demonstrated in front of a Cracker Barrel restaurant. Frank joined Queer Nation in protesting against the discriminatory practices against gays and lesbians that have caused nearly a dozen gay employees to be fired. Frank kissed his lover, Herb Moses, before speaking to the protestors.

--Sentinel

### Green Party Elects State Gay Delegates

The San Francisco Green Party elected two gay men and one lesbian who describes herself as a "radical dyke" as delegates to the statewide organizing meeting held in Sacramento. The responsibilities of the delegates include charting the course for the newly official Green Party and creating its governing structure. The San Francisco Green Party endorsed putting

AB101 on the November ballot, and will propose that the state Greens do the same.

--Sentinel

### ID Check Bill Approved

Mayor Frank Jordan signed a gay and lesbian bill which forestalls the discriminatory use of multiple ID checks in hotels, nightclubs, and other businesses. The measure drew great support and endorsement from the group Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action.

--B.A.R.

### New Tax Law Give Gays And Lesbian Art Collectors Advantage

A recent Federal tax law change has extended a tax advantage for art collectors who wish to donate works, and has resulted in several major donations to the Leslie Lohman Gay Art Foundation during the past few months. The change gives collectors until June 30, 1992 to donate works of fine art and deduct the full market value—up to 50 percent of one's annual taxable income—from Federal taxes.

### End To ROTC

The National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Caucus, an affiliate of the United States Student Association (USSA) will be organizing a national ballot campaign "The 1992 Student Vote Against Discrimination" where stu-

dents across the country will cast ballots urging the President to rescind ROTC's and the Department of Defense's discriminatory policy against lesbian, gay and bisexual people.

### Don Henry Receive Gay Feds "Sammy" Award

Don Henry, an Equal Opportunity Specialist with the U.S. National Parks Service, has received the Federal Lesbians and Gays 1992 "Sammy" award. The award recognizes significant contributions to the federal gay and lesbian community. In the early times of the AIDS epidemic, Henry took the initiative to provide AIDS education material from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and region and the Parks Service nationwide.

### Florida Gay Activist Rand Hoch Appointed Judge

Florida Governor Lawton Chiles has selected labor lawyer and gay activists Rand Hoch to serve as a Judge of Compensation claims in Daytona Beach. For many years Hoch has been in the forefront for the battle for gay and lesbian rights. He has served on the Boards of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, and Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America.

### Florida...

Governor Lawton Chiles of Florida has committed to revising the state's civil rights law in 1992. His current draft of the bill omits protection for lesbians and gays, although he's said he will sign the bill if sexual orientation is added by the legislature.

Various state-wide civil rights groups, including the Florida Task Force (the statewide lesbian/gay lobby), the National Organization for Women, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, have agreed that they will not support the bill if it does not include sexual orientation. The Broward County legislative delegation (the second

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## Search for a Chico Community Center Begins... Grant Awarded

by David G. Welton  
OF MGW STAFF

Late last year the Colin Higgins Foundation of San Francisco granted the Stonewall Alliance of Chico a \$4,725 cash award. This grant has given the Chico gay, lesbian and bisexual community the opportunity to open and operate a community services center. A committee of board members and community participants is currently conducting a community-wide needs assessment and searching for a location for a Center.

The purpose of the Stonewall Alliance of Chico is to promote the physical, psychological and social health of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community of Butte County and neighboring rural counties. Stonewall goals are: (1) operate a community services center incorporating meeting space, a library reference center and a referral service for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community; (2) publish a newsmagazine that will inform, educate and open communication throughout the rural counties of Northern California; (3) provide outreach to youth; (4) initiate and operate an information/hotline; and (5) to educate the general public on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues including homophobia.

The need for a center was first recognized when founding members attended the local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). P-FLAG meetings in early 1990 were attended by as many as 60 people—the majority were gays and lesbians. The idea for the Stonewall Alliance grew from a series of meetings convened to identify community needs. In many urban areas

around the country, centers exist to serve the needs of their communities. In Chico, the Stonewall Alliance plans to reach the rural citizens of Northern California—people often overlooked.

In June 1990, with a name and structure established, the first Stonewall fund-raiser raised the necessary funds to file for and receive non-profit tax-exempt corporate status.

The structure of the Stonewall Alliance consists of a board of directors with the officer positions of president, secretary and treasurer held by board members. A maximum of eleven positions are available on the board. The board conscientiously seeks to represent the diversity in our community and acts diligently in obtaining input from the diverse segments of the community. In the first year the Stonewall Alliance received a grant from Fred Meyer Inc. by receiving the second highest number of votes in a contest sponsored by the store. Quite a stir was generated when the Stonewall Alliance was announced the second place winner—the resulting publicity has fueled a great deal of subsequent coverage by local and regional media.

In February 1991 President Eric Ruben co-organized a conference that brought together the leadership of each local organization dealing with gay and lesbian issues. The energy created at this conference fueled excitement for creating an annual pride event. Chico's first Freedom Fest took place on July 21, 1991, on the campus of CSU, Chico. Between 400 and 500 people attended the five hour event. The Freedom Fest exceeded expectations in terms of participation and community sup-

port. StoneWall Alliance publishes a quarterly newsmagazine—the *CenterStone*—produced by local gays and lesbians. Current distribution is 700 copies reaching an estimated audience of 2,000-3,000 readers. The Chico gay and lesbian community is estimated between 5,000-10,000.

Current members of the board include Patricia (Pat) Alford-Keating, Ph.D., a member of the counseling center staff at CSUC. She is an advisor to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance at CSUC, co-founder of the Kid's Klub, a representative of the bisexual community, lesbian parents and the women's community. Brian Benamati (Treasurer) is co-treasurer of Imperial Sovereign Court of Czaristic Dynasty (ISCCD). Raymond Grado is a life member of ISCCD and a representative of gay males over 50. Gayle Hutchinson is an Assistant Professor of Physical Education/Teacher Education, and specializes in classroom diversity issues. Joe Loera (Secretary) represents the Hispanic community. Eric Ruben (President) is a past board member of ISCCD, Chair of the Freedom Fest organizing committee and a member of the Northern California AIDS Consortium. Dennis Shafer represents the business community and long-term relationships. David Welton (Editor, *CenterStone*), is a writer for *MGW Newspaper*, a Sacramento-based gay and lesbian twice-monthly and a technical editor for *Videomaker* magazine, a national monthly. David is also a CSUC graduate student.

The importance of volunteerism and financial support from the community cannot be understated. The Stonewall Alliance has no paid positions.

Questions or comments about the Stonewall Alliance of Chico are encouraged. Write to P.O. Box 8855, Chico, CA 95927, or call 343-8767.▼

## Chico State Gives ROTC Notice

by David Welton  
OF MGW STAFF

California State University, Chico President Robin Wilson implemented a resolution that calls for a gradual phase-out of the campus ROTC program. The Faculty Senate Resolution has three parts: "eliminate university credit for ROTC courses"; "exclude advertisements, notices, listings and references to...the ROTC program...from catalogues, bulletins and announcements"; and "withdraw faculty status from ROTC instructors."

The 24 cadets currently enrolled in the program have been assured unrestricted completion of the program. Students who enroll next fall will be the last to earn university credit for ROTC courses. Freshmen cadets who enroll the following year (Fall 1993) will not receive credit for ROTC courses

for the duration of the four year program.

In his letter issued last month, Wilson directed Major Doug G. Campbell, Chair of the Department of Military Science, to announce the "phased withdrawal of university credit for Military Science courses" in the next edition of the University Catalog. Additionally, Wilson will strip faculty status from Military Science instructors at the conclusion of the last course in which credit is awarded. The resolution falls short of an outright ban of ROTC but, if all three parts are implemented, the ability of the program to attract students and instructors will be severely crippled. Major Campbell predicts, "If it got to that point (faculty status withdrawn from instructors), I don't think ROTC would still be here."

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## CSUS To Bar ROTC From Campus

by Marghe Covino  
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA — CSU Sacramento President, Donald Gerth last week complied with last year's recommendation of the school's Academic Senate and pledged to ban the military's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) from the campus if the Department of Defense fails to change its policy of excluding gays and lesbians from military service.

Gerth joins officials in other CSU schools in San Francisco, and Chico who have already made the decision to ban the program if DOD policies don't change, while CSU San Diego has officially decided to retain their military program. The last admissions for the ROTC program in Sacramento would be in the fall of 1993 and other students previously admitted to the program would be allowed to finish their course work.

An editorial in the Sacramento Bee criticized CSU Chancellor Barry Muniz and the CSU trustees saying, "Inconsistency in CSU policies would have been avoided if they had been willing to take on the issue on a systemwide basis for all 19 CSU campuses rather than leaving it to the individual campuses."

Gerth joined a number of leaders of colleges and universities throughout the nation for a meeting at the Pentagon with the assistant secretary of defense for manpower.

Officials from the University of North Carolina, University of Pennsylvania, University of Massachusetts, MIT, Dartmouth, Rutgers, the American Council on Education and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges informed the Pentagon that ROTC units will not be continued on their colleges and campuses if DOD policies are not changed.

"I have informed the DOD that if the discriminatory policy is not vacated by spring of 1993, we will act to bring about an orderly phase-out of the ROTC at this campus," Gerth said.

However, Gerth's hopes for a change in DOD policy were dashed by negative comments upholding DOD policy which were issued by

## "phaseout of the ROTC..."

head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin Powell earlier last week. Powell said that while gays and lesbians do not pose a security risk and are able to do the job — their presence is harmful to morale and order.

LIFE (Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality) Lobby Executive Director Laurie McBride was irate at Powell's comments and in a congratulatory letter to Gerth said, "He's using the same arguments that were used to keep blacks out of the military year ago. He should be ashamed. For more than 150 years, until the repressions of the McCarthy era surfaced, there were no such restrictions and the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World Wars I and II came out just fine with gays and lesbians serving — there's just no reason for this blatant injustice. Gays and lesbians have served this country every time she has called and should have the right to do so openly. This witchhunt must not be allowed to continue."



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### R.C.D.C. Welcomes New Members

by Brian Ashby  
OF MGW STAFF

The River City Democratic Club sponsored a brunch in February to welcome seven new members. R.C.D.C. sponsors events on a monthly basis in order to provide progressive minded people an opportunity to be politically active. Because R.C.D.C. provides a bounty of ways to participate, anyone, even the most politically unaware are made welcome at all the events they sponsor. Besides, if you get together with these people often enough, you'll learn how the political system works and how each of us can become empowered with information.

The February brunch was attended by 15 of the 210 members and several non-member supporters. As people lingered over plates of fruit, croissants, quiche and a bevy of fine liquid refreshments, plans for this year's events were discussed. R.C.D.C. will celebrate



R.C.D.C. Board Members Dan Palomino, Ed Condon, Katie Merrill, Doug Ford, Tim Larrabee, Julia Mullen and Michael Boyd.

its birthday at the end of this month with a party at Faces. Other events include a country-western dance in May, a riverboat cruise in August, and the Lambda Awards in October. On a political note, the group

is assessing the candidates for Sacramento's upcoming mayoral race to elect the successor to Anne Rudin as she will finish her term at the end of '92. When the candidates have returned their assessment

forms, R.C.D.C. will make the information available. For information about any R.C.D.C. event call 494-3114 or call Michael Boyd at 448-2383 or Katie Merrill at 451-1970.▼

Photo by Brian Ashby

### Imperial Bank Senior VP Named CARES Board Member

John C. Kay, senior vice president and senior credit officer for Imperial Bank in Sacramento, has been appointed to the Board of Directors at CARES—the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services—Sacramento.

Kay, who has been with Imperial Bank since 1981, has more than 20 years of banking experience and has served on the CARES finance committee since 1989.

"Because many CARES clients cannot pay the full cost of services they receive, we will always require strong community support. John Kay's fiscal expertise and fund raising success with community-based organizations will be a major asset to CARES," said John Riley, CARES president.

Prior to joining Imperial Bank, Kay was with First Interstate Bank for 10 years, serving as retail branch lending officer, national accounts calling officer, credit administrator and regional department head for corporate "middle market" business development.▼

### New Coalition Disbanded in Sacramento

by Victoria Cameron  
OF MGW STAFF

As a direct result of Governor Wilson's veto of AB 101, a Coalition for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equality was formed (CLGBE/Sacramento), and an organizational meeting of the statewide organization was held with CLGBE/Sacramento. At that time it was decided to disband the Sacramento chapter.

The goal of the group was to

aid the statewide organization in obtaining the necessary 500,000 signatures to qualify the AB 101 initiative for the November ballot.

The CLGBE/Sacramento began circulating petitions and succeeded in acquiring 4800 signatures before February.

The statewide CLGBE will continue to strive for lesbian, gay and bisexual civil rights. A meeting is scheduled for March 7 and 8 in San Francisco. For information: Glenn Mitchell, 739-6757.▼

### El Dorado Women's Center Needs Volunteers

The El Dorado Women's Center, a non-profit organization which provides assistance to battered women and their children and to victims of rape and sexual assault, relies on volunteers to help provide many of its services.

Volunteers are trained as peer counselors and help staff the 24-hour crisis line, assist victims through the legal system, work with women and children in shelter and provide staff support in various other areas such as fundraising and community outreach. Volunteer experience at the Women's Center

offers an excellent opportunity for people seeking to gain job-related experience in the field of Human Services or legal and courtroom procedures.

Before starting their job assignments, volunteers receive an in-depth training on domestic violence and sexual assault issues as well as in peer counseling and crisis intervention techniques and civil and criminal court procedures.

The next volunteer training class is March 19. For information: Tish, 626-1450.▼



Photo by Deborah Goldstein

### Erotica Ball

Party goers had a chance to dress formally or costume. Who is this mysterious woman anyway?



Photo by David Eckert

### Mr. International Bear '92

Tom Sturgeon, editor of *Husky* magazine, and partner Ben Martinez. Both acted as bear judges for the contest which was held at the Holiday Inn on Van Ness.

### The Sierra Foundation Changes Its Name

The Sierra Foundation, an independent, private foundation that provides funding for nonprofit community-based health projects in 26 counties of Northern California, announced that it has changed its name to Sierra Health Foundation.

Since its inception in 1984, Sierra Health Foundation has awarded over \$15 million in grants to a broad range of nonprofit health programs serving Northern California residents.

Over 300 nonprofits have received Sierra Health Foundation grants, providing funds for projects that include services for families, youth and the elderly; substance abuse education and prevention; prenatal care for low-income women; mental health programs; services for people with HIV and AIDS; and assistance in facility acquisition.▼

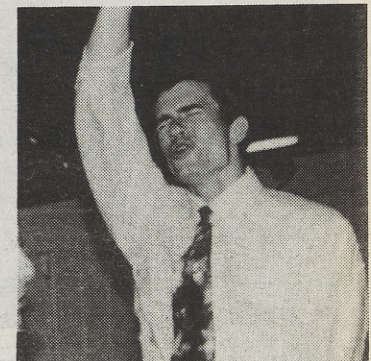


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### Student Valentine's

U.C. Davis Chapter of Delta Lambda Phi and its supporters attended a Valentine's Dance at the Tuesday Club.



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### Erotica Ball

On February 15th, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation was honored with a fundraising Erotica Ball. Dr. Neil Flynn and Rich Henry greet Big Guy, Ken Steele, of Sacramento Costumes.

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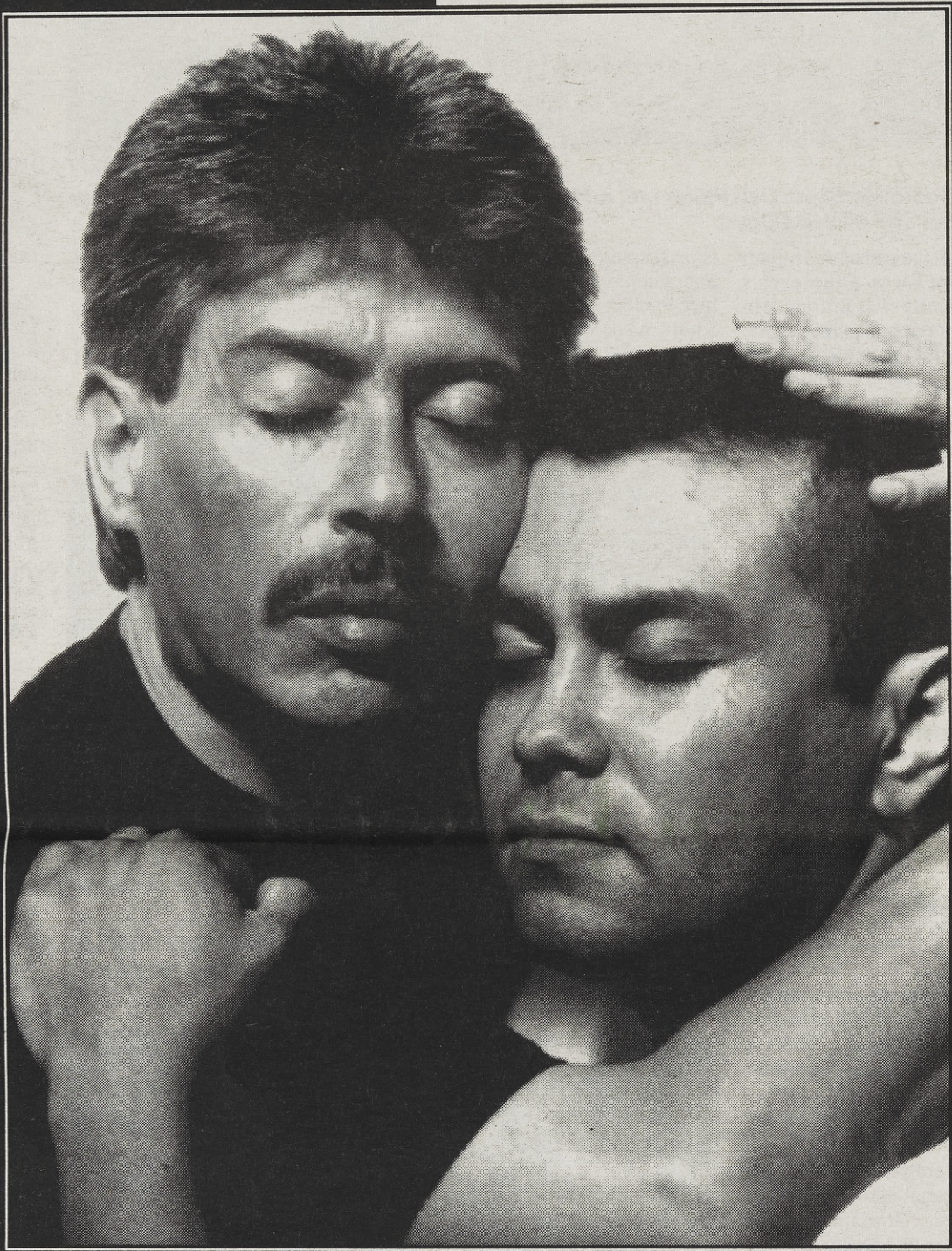
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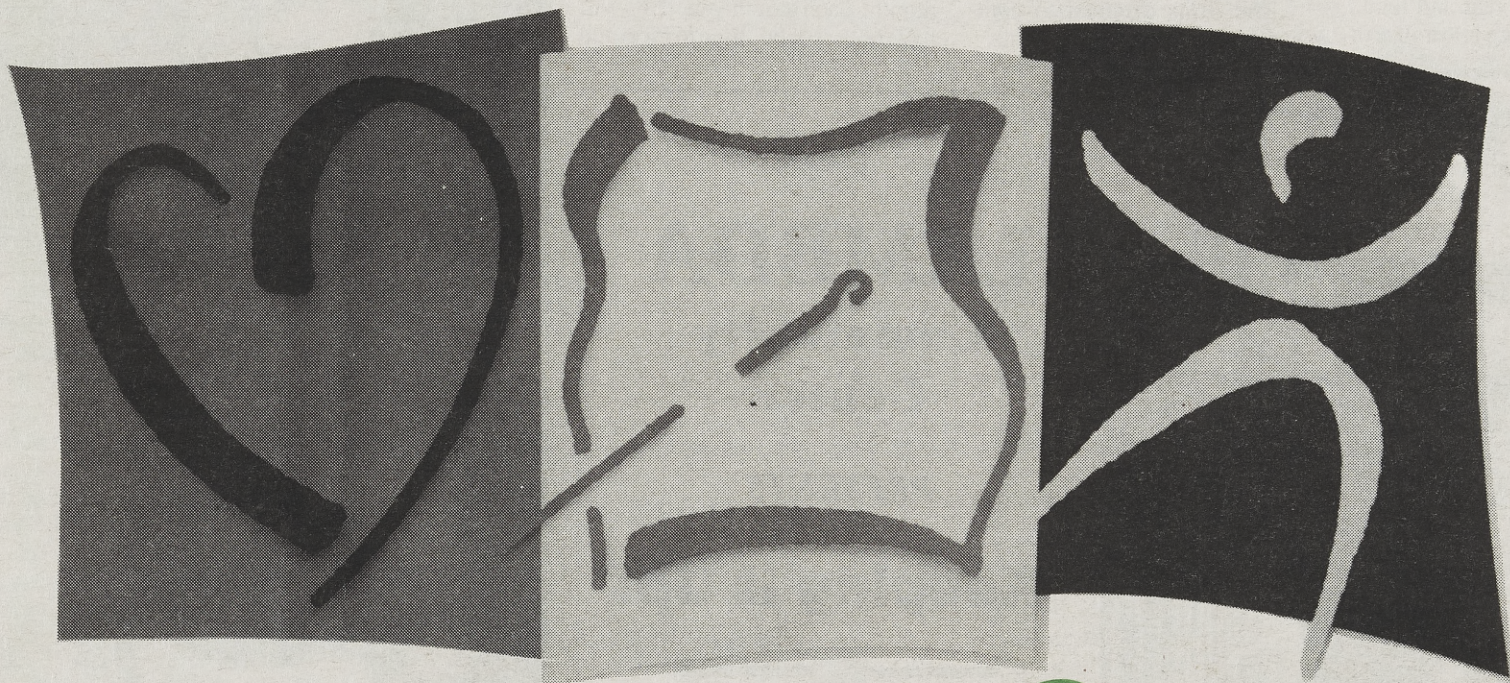
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# Lawsuit Over 'Condom' Leather Computer Group Begins Gatherings In Bread

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ruth and Maxwell Moglen of Emeryville, Calif., have filed a \$300,000 lawsuit against a local bakery and Safeway Stores after they say they found a "rubber-like object shaped like a condom" in a loaf of bread they purchased.

The suit claims that Mrs. Moglen purchased the loaf of bread at a Safeway store in Berkeley, Calif., earlier this year and found the object after biting into a slice of

the bread which was baked by the Metropolis Baking Company.

Documents filed with the suit included a photograph showing part of a slice of bread with the object partly in it.

The attorney for the couple said the loaf of bread has been frozen as evidence. He also said workers in bakeries sometimes use condoms on the job to protect cut fingers.

The couple filed the suit, they said, after attempts to reach a settlement with Safeway and Metropolis had failed.

The firms declined to comment on the lawsuit. ▼

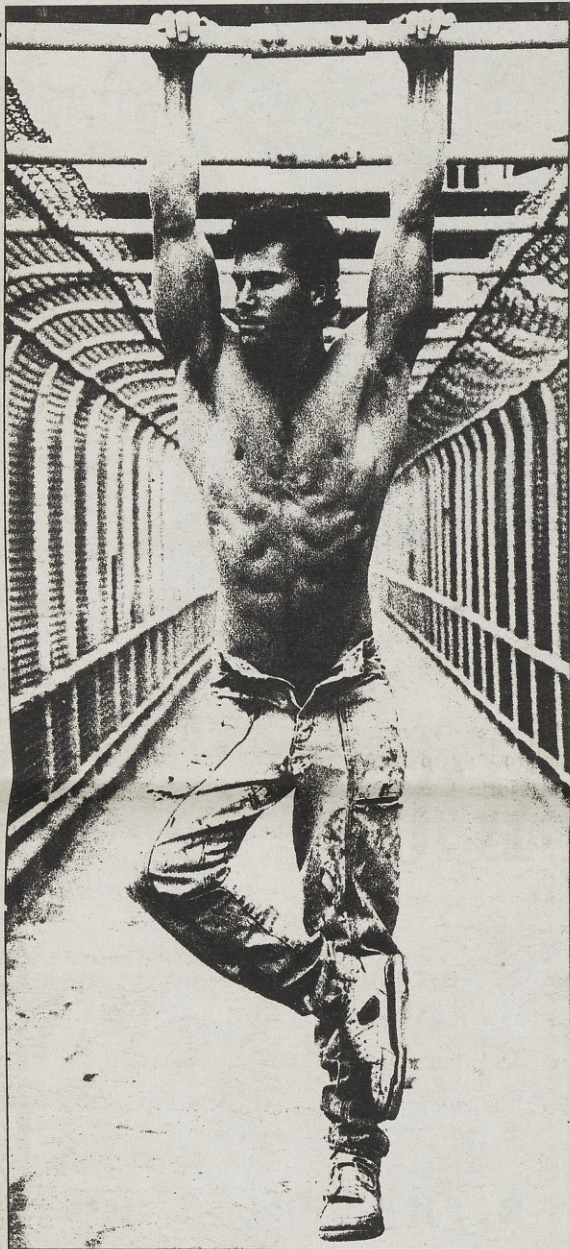
Leather First, a free computer board for those interested in or about leather topics and scenes, now has a user base stretching coast to coast. While based in the Sacramento area and gay leather oriented, Leather First is open to all interested in leather, regardless of location, sex or sexual orientation. New "rooms" for topics are Male/Female S/M, Lesbian S/M, and Transgender/Transsexual leather scenes.

For Northern California area users, a new feature will be a monthly social meeting of users the second Saturday evening of each month. Each monthly meeting will have both "social" time to meet and

talk with other users and a class or demonstration on an aspect of leather and/or S/M. The monthly meetings will be held in the back room of the Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway, at 8pm.

The March 14th class will be on Beginning in Bondage Play with special attention on how beginners should and should not play with an eye both to excitement and safety.

Classes will be open to all interested and are free of charge. For those interested in logging onto Leather First, the modem numbers are (916) 362-4663 and (916) 974-1262. For those wanting information on the board, or wanting to send information for posting on the board, the mailing address is Leather First BBS, 564 La Sierra Drive, Suite 85, SAC, 95864. ▼



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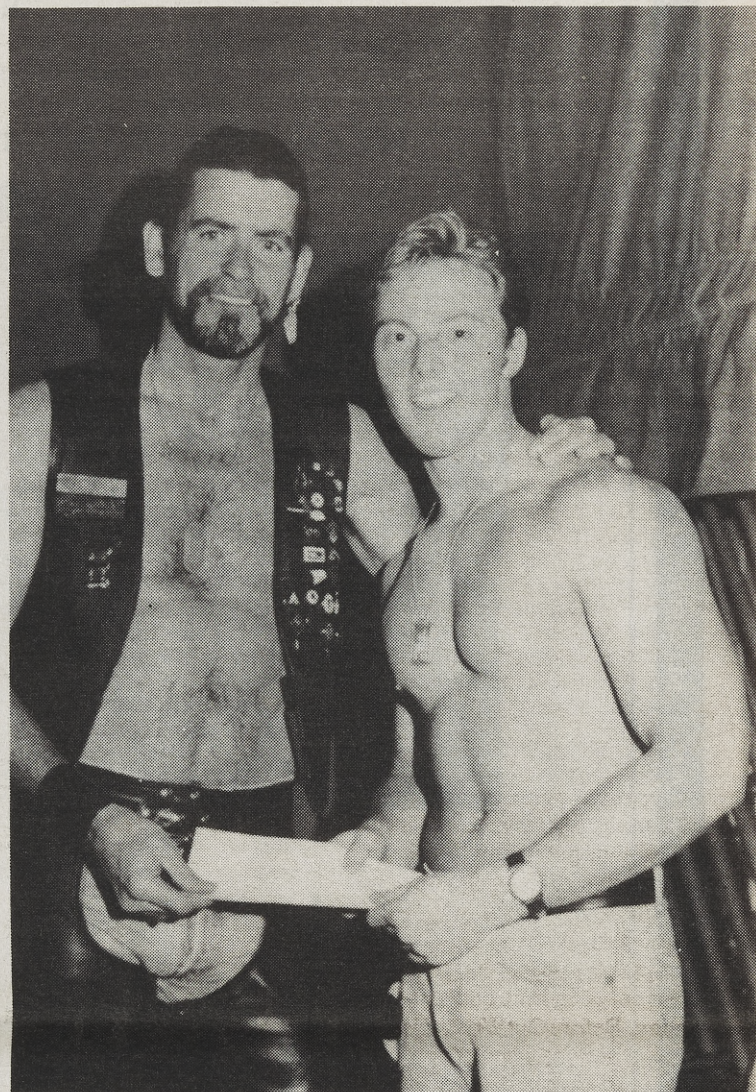


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### Ken Pargin Wins Mr. Bare Chest

Randy Gray presents the prize of a \$50 bar tab to Ken (Spanky) Pargin of Sacramento at the Bare Chest contest held at the Wreck Room on February 22. Ken was judged the best of four contestants, all of whom raised \$120 from the overflow audience for the Fairy Godfather's Fund, an AIDS support organization.

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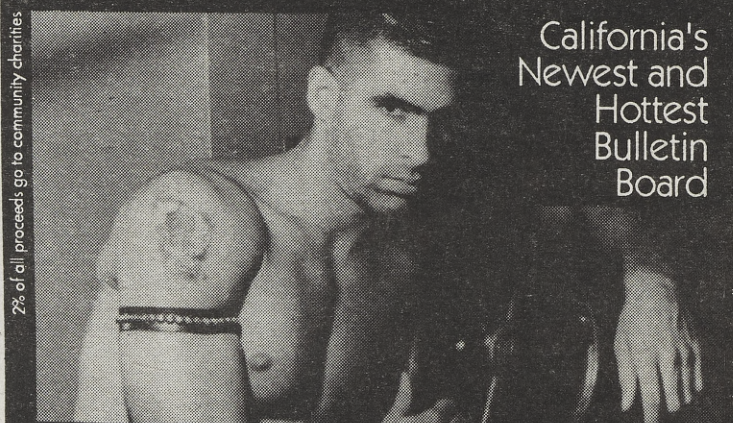
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## Survival of the Gay Presses: OutWrite 92

by Anna Watson  
GUEST WRITER

OutWrite 92, a national gathering of lesbian and gay writers, had its beginnings in San Francisco where *Out/Look* magazine sponsored the first conference in 1990. This year, OutWrite leaves the west coast to travel to Boston.

Boston, sometimes referred to as "the library of the country," has a long history of intellectual pursuit, points out OutWrite 92 coordinator, Sue Hyde, a former staffer with *Gay Community News* and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "With over two dozen universities and colleges, as well as a good number of important presses, the setting is perfect for this kind of literary event," she said.

Co-sponsored by Boston's gay and lesbian newsweekly, *Gay Community News*, OutWrite 92 will bring together lesbian and gay writers, editors, publishers, literary agents, booksellers, readers, cartoonists and performance artists from around the country. They will gather in the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers on March 20-22 for an intensive weekend of speeches, workshops, panel discussions, readings and socializing.

Jeffrey Escoffier, publisher of *Out/Look* magazine who helped organize the first two OutWrites, believes that publications such as *Out/Look* and conferences such as OutWrite are vital resources. "This is where many different voices connect; this is the space threatened by the current economic and political situation. Before OutWrite existed, we had no real idea who the writers and creators were—the conference created a place for person-to-person contacts—a map of the universe of gay and lesbian literature began to emerge."

Fittingly, the theme for this year's OutWrite is that of survival. Both *Out/Look* magazine and *Gay*

*Community News* are currently struggling to stay afloat. Headlining speakers Allan Gurganus, Dorothy Allison, Melvin Dixon and Mariana Romo-Carmona have been asked to address the topic of survival.

In the sense that creativity fuels and facilitates survival, all of the panels and workshops fit the chosen theme; some more than others, however, address specifics: "Writing About AIDS," "Writing to Move the Movement," and "Can Sexuality Subvert Racist Stereotypes?" for example.

Writing workshops will be taught by Stephen McCauley, Kate Rushin and Pat Powell, among others. Thirty publishers, publications, bookstores and organizations will have tables in the exhibit area. *Advocate* magazine will host an opening night party Friday, March 20, from 6-7:30pm; Saturday night *Out/Look* and *Gay Community News* will sponsor an "OUT is IN" dance.

As OutWrite participants know from last year, such a varied and volatile gathering of folks does not necessarily make for a quiet or sedate experience. Last year's headliner, Edward Albee, created an uproar after he announced that he identified as a minority, since statistically there are less white, gay, Anglo-Saxon Protestant men in the world than non-Christian women of color. "This is a conference traditionally charged with vigorous debate," says Hyde. "We expect no less this year."

OutWrite 92 is a place to argue, agree, test out theories, find an audience, discover a poet who speaks your language or a fiction writer who brings tears to your eyes. A forum for creative survival, sustenance for the soul and heart, growth, movement, catharsis, validation, OutWrite 92 fulfills that part of us which is moved by the beauty and power of the written word.▼

## Lesbian Lee Harvey Oswald

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle  
OF MGW STAFF

*The Crystal Cage*, Sandy Bayer, Alyson Publications, 1991, 216 pages, \$8.95 paperback.

A psychic detective races against time in a Kennedy assassination-type premonition to thwart the murderer from altering the course of life for her lover's unborn child.

An intriguing premise that works due to strong writing and totally human characters. Bayer succeeds in capturing the tension of time while moving the reader through the past, present and future.

Bayer keeps the reader involved by evoking sympathy for the characters' situation and associating with the heroine, Stephanie Nowland, as she struggles with her past.

And excellent book that gives reinforcement to the belief that lesbian fiction means that capable detectives can be lesbian and lesbians can be villains, not that the action has to be placed in lesbian bars or filled with twisted sexual appetites.▼

## PMS: A WORK-BOOK

Reviewed by Kathy Mengle  
OF MGW STAFF

*PMS: Premenstrual Syndrome Self Help Book*, by Susan M. Lark, M.D.; Berkeley, CA: Celestial Arts, 1989, oversized paperback, \$14.95.

Dr. Susan Lark is Director of the PMS Self Help Center in Los Altos, CA, which is an information and referral network. She has served on the Stanford University Medical School faculty, and her articles on PMS have been featured in large national magazines.

It is estimated that every month, one third to one half of all American women between 20 and 50 experience some degree of PMS.

This book combines years of clinical and personal experience and objective medical information into a guide which any woman can use to deal with the reality of PMS.

After discussing the causes and symptoms of the six types of PMS, Dr. Lark addresses all of the components of finding a solution. Stress levels, diet, vitamins and minerals, and ways of combatting the most common eating problems, are discussed at length. Food and meal preparation are covered in detail, as are the ways of managing stress by internal and external means.

Exercise is an important component of relief, for both physiological and psychological reasons which are enumerated. Also given are instructions, illustrated by photographs, for using Acupressure Massage, Massage of the Neurolymphatic and Neurovascular Systems, and Yoga to relieve symptoms.

Dr. Lark believes that drugs should only be used for the rapid relief of the most severe symptoms which should be alleviated through the use of this program to the point where drugs will no longer be needed.

## Black soul touches the heart

Reviewed by Peg Wolfe  
OF MGW STAFF

*A Visitation of Spirits*, by Randall Kenan, Grove Press, 1989.

This first novel is rich and lush, a tale of growing up black and gay in rural North Carolina. It sings and touches a haunting inner ear. It is peopled with grandparents and grand aunts and uncles who carry the old wisdom of survival

under white oppression. It is the story of Horace, a genius whose mind cannot free him from the social prison where bible-speaking family preaches that homosexuality is an "abomination." This is no simplified story of good and evil. The characters are complex and true. Horace is troubled by a very real demon, hallucinatory memories and erotic exploration. He tries to make sense of it all, but his isolation traps him. He flees into a world of magic.

One critic compares this work to that of Alice Walker. Kenan's robust and evocative prose draws the reader into the black soul and touches the heart.▼

## Should Be a Dell Paperback

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle  
OF MGW STAFF

*A Singular Spy*, Amanda Kay Williams, Naiad Press, 1992, 179 pages, \$8.95 paperback

Worthy of novels usually published in slick paperbacks with the heroine on the cover with a smoking gun, this book is a ten out of ten.

The lurid CIA intrigue, a lesbian heroine (a fact which is secondary to the plot), scenes set in Lake Lucerne and Washington D.C. moves this plot right along and holds the reader engrossed in every page.

The heroine Madison McGuire assembles a talented crew of old hands and a new baby dyke to immobilize a KGB killer and her blackmail victims from destroying the American spy network in Russia.

This is the type of novel that makes you say "one more page" even though it is 1am and you have to get to work the next day. Worth every penny.▼

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## The World According to Maureen Brownsey

by James Fitzpatrick  
OF MGW STAFF

Take the job search, for instance. "When I was applying for a job," Maureen Brownsey announced from the stage in the packed Video Bar at Faces, "I went from having no discernible skills to lying about having no discernible skills." She then noted that "McDonald's is listed (in the Yellow Pages) under restaurants...isn't that *strange*?" And when questioned by a Wendy's manager about her skills, she responded, "You're paying me \$2.25 an hour—I can tell a quarter from a dime!"

So did Brownsey's job search have a happy ending? Depends on your perspective, I guess. "I was fired for kissing all the girls and

funny and has no reason for being. The best comedy is comedy we can identify with, full of love, devoid of humor at the expense of ethnic or sexual minorities.

Like, when out of the blue, Brownsey announces, "I feel a lot better knowing Marilyn inspected my underwear...so I called her up. 'Do I know her?' they asked me. Do I know her? She inspected my underwear!"

Brownsey does make one group a target for derision—Republicans. "So, George Bush is the Education President...(long pause) That was the joke!" And a bit more seriously asks the audience if there are any Republicans. Two or three people raise their hand. "I'm sorry," she says, "but being gay and Republican seems to me a lot like



Photo by Brian Ashby

Comic Maureen Brownsey performed at Faces—asking "Can that part of the body actually be pierced?"

chain smoking."

Anyone who can't relate to Brownsey's brand of humor must be a graduate of the George Bush School of Human Relations.

For Brownsey seems to have finally found her niche. She is one of the bright (relatively) new stars on the stand-up comedy circuit, and if her performance at Faces February 12 is any indication, she could well go beyond the somewhat cult status of lesbian/queer comedian to mainstream crossover star, bringing queer sensibility into America's heartland. For, not unlike Lily Tomlin, Brownsey's comedy is the sort of thought-provoking humor that we can all relate to—and feel remarkably good about. Brownsey is proof that the so-called comedy of Andrew Dice Clay and Sam Kinison simply isn't

shooting yourself in the foot."

Brownsey's humor comes at you quickly, biting. She covers the gamut from body piercing ("It starts at the top of the ear, works its way down, but you don't find out how far down it goes until Gay Pride Day") to personal ads ("A truly honest ad would say, 'I want to date myself, only with more money'" and being stoned in the seventies ("My mother had all those Hummel figurines, and they'd all stare at me with *Those Eyes*.").

Maureen Brownsey obviously knows how to win over an audience. Should she return to Sacramento (she performs regularly in the Bay Area) before making the big time, I highly recommend you arrange your plans to catch this star in the making.▼

## No One Laughing At High School Principal's 'Funny' Speech

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

LOS GATOS, Calif. — A high school principal here has landed in hot water after making a speech at the local Chamber of Commerce that he says was supposed to illustrate insensitivity to minorities but which others say was merely an inept attempt to be "funny" at the expense of women, blacks and gays.

Ted Simonson, principal of Los Gatos High School, addressed a meeting of the Chamber of Com-

merce late in January in which he referred to braless women joggers as "jigglers" and suggested that the Bay Bridge, which connects San Francisco's large gay community with Oakland's predominately black population, should be turned into a Disneyland attraction because it linked "Fairyland and Jungland."

On Friday, Jan. 31, Simonson said the speech was "a mistake" and apologized for it, but insisted his speech was intended to make a point about negative stereotyping. "I do apologize for the embar-

assment I caused the school and the community and to any person who was offended," the 41-year-old Simonson told reporters. "It's a great school and wonderful community and a wonderful place in which to live and work."

But activists with several black, women's and gay/lesbian organizations are saying his apology is not enough and are calling for his resignation or dismissal over the speech.

Activists with Queer Nation, the National Organization for Women and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have said Simonson's explanation about the speech didn't jibe with accounts from Chamber of Commerce members who were there and described his remarks as "completely inappropriate."

Derek Schwarz of Queer Nation said, "Simonson's speech may have seemed 'funny' to him, but it's completely inappropriate for any public official to make such remarks—especially anyone involved in the school system. Perhaps Mr. Simonson should offer his own home as a Disneyland attraction—they could call it 'Idiotland'."

At its next meeting the Los Gatos School Board is expected to discuss whether any action against the school district veteran educator should be taken.▼

## 'America, Let's Be Fair' HRCF Anti-Bias Ad Not Aired On TV Station

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest lesbian and gay rights political organization, is making a federal case out of what it says is a local television station's obstruction of a paid TV spot that was scheduled to have run on Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the nation's capital.

Gregory King of HRCF said in an interview that the rights group is filing discrimination complaints with the Washington D.C. Human Rights Commission and the U.S. Federal Communication Commission against WTTG-TV (channel 5), the local Fox Broadcasting affiliate over the incident. King said HRCF would also be notifying the chairmen of the House and Senate subcommittees that oversee telecommunication regulations.

According to King, the television station had received the HRCF ad more than a week before its scheduled air-date and had quoted a price of \$200 for the 30-second spot. But King said less than 12 hours before the ad was to run, the station told them the price they had been quoted was wrong and that the ad would cost \$500 and that the station also needed signed releases for photos of people shown in the spot.

The HRCF ad begins with still photos of three individuals who have been viciously assaulted because they're gay and goes into why the agency is pushing for gay rights legislation.

King said HRCF had already written a complaint to WTTG station manager Tom Herwitz over

what HRCF sees as a last-minute effort by the TV station to keep the ad from running. No one at WTTG-TV was willing to answer questions about the HRCF ad.

"We would have been more than happy to provide them with releases," King said, "if they had come to us in a timely fashion." According to HRCF, the group wasn't contacted about the releases until after 6 p.m. on Monday night, Feb. 10. With the TV spot slated to run early the next morning, King says, there was "no way we could have gotten the releases in time."

In addition to the HRC and FCC complaints, HRCF is also preparing letters about the incident for Rep. Edward Markey (D-Mass.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications, and Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), who chairs the Senate Communications Subcommittee.

The same anti-bias promo spot aired last week as scheduled with no difficulties on WMUR-TV in New Hampshire to raise the issue of lesbian/gay rights in the presidential primary, a strategy HRCF intends to continue throughout the election.

King pointed out that ironically the spot ends with a message that the country, including WTTG-TV, needs to hear. "America, let's be fair," an announcer intones—or would have if the ad had aired.▼

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# 1991 Best Picture Nominees

by Matthew Kennedy  
OF MGW STAFF

It's that time of year again, as hearts pound and suspense rises. Who will take home the coveted statuettes at this year's Academy Awards on March 30? Does anybody really care? Some of us do; we root for our favorite, and curse as someone else wins. The Oscar derby still provides plenty of harmless, old fashioned glamour for those who believe that the movies are first and foremost a repository for collective fantasies. Here, then, is a look at this year's best picture nominees:

**Beauty and the Beast** (reviewed in MGW, December 15, 1991): The first ever animated movie to be nominated for best picture. Superlatives have been deservedly heaped on this movie from the day it opened. It has everything: a stirring morality tale, a strong-willed heroine, a melancholy beast with a dark secret, gorgeous animation, and filmdoms most lovable candelabra, teapot, teacup and clock. You can bank on this movie taking home Oscars for music—this and *The Little Mermaid* actually leave one with the hope of a renaissance in screen musicals—animated ones, at least. Don't wait for your niece or nephew to visit as an excuse to see *Beauty and the Beast*—this is a cartoon for all ages.

**Bugsy** (reviewed in MGW, January 1, 1992): In *Bugsy*, the creation of Las Vegas unfolds like a grand metaphor of the American Dream. But the movie works so well largely because of the spellbinding, charismatic star turn by Warren Beatty in the title role. It is perhaps his best work ever onscreen—he is the perfect tender, loathsome, endearing psychopath. Annette Bening, Beatty's offscreen love and the mother of his only child, matches him all the way in her portrayal of ambitious starlet Virginia Hill. That she failed to be nominated is one of this year's big oversights. *Bugsy* is the most nominated film of the year, with 10 nods.

**JFK** (reviewed in MGW, January 15, 1992): Loud, angry and blunt, this is Oliver Stone's polemic against the government, the media,

the public, and just about everyone alive when Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963. What more can be said? This has become the most publicized movie in years, yet *JFK* in its content does nothing to solve the inconsistencies and mysteries left by the Warren Commission Report. History here has been redecorated with so much speculation that *JFK* could most accurately be called historic fiction. Stone asks us to do something, *anything*, rather than collect moss from indifference. Never one to back off from hot topics, Stone is now at work on a treatment of the life of Harvey Milk. The gay community waits the outcome with some nervousness.

**The Prince of Tides**: The latest vanity production from Barbra Streisand, and easily the weakest entry for best picture. Based on a novel by Pat Conroy, it is the story of a man (Nick Nolte) being destroyed by an event of long ago that left him, his sister, and his mother emotionally crippled. Director-producer Streisand casts herself as a psychiatrist who is treating the sister and falls in love with Nolte. Streisand's presence nearly destroys the film—she does not so much act as display herself to the camera as STAR. With her gross self-consciousness she is in danger of becoming as big a self-parody as Joan Crawford was in her later years. Nolte has received much praise, but his performance does not sustain the movie; he is strangely unsympathetic in his ranting. In key supporting roles, Blythe Danner looks depressed and dowdy, Melinda Dillon spends most of the film heavily sedated, and Kate Nelligan is upstaged by very unconvincing old age make-up. Streisand, meanwhile, commands far more screen time, and is dressed, lit, and made-up in the most flattering ways possible. Add to this serious flaws in the film's construction, the mercilessly long last section with a gratuitous love affair, and a sound track designed to blow you out of the theater. It all makes for a very well-dressed, very pretty, and very tedious soap opera. Might I suggest renting *Thelma and Louise* on video, or seeing *Fried Green*

*Tomatoes* at a local theater? These two films are vastly superior to *The Prince of Tides*, and more deserve a place among the best picture nominees.

**The Silence of the Lambs**: Like *Beauty and the Beast*, this is an instant classic, though for entirely different reasons. FBI trainee Jodie Foster is hired to question convicted mass murderer Hannibal 'the Cannibal', Anthony Hopkins, hoping to find the motives behind another serial killer currently loose. The shock/horror genre has been permanently elevated by *The Silence of the Lambs*. Director Jonathan Demme brings the weight of great tragedy to the story by underplaying violence and gore, though there is plenty of both, and highlighting the loss experienced by senseless killing. Amidst the pure evil and unrelenting suspense of *The Silence of the Lambs* is a deep respect for the value of a single human life, and in this way *Lambs* is more humane than any standard shoot-'em-up cops movie. When Jodie Foster examines a brutally murdered body, etched on her face is sorrow, fear, and a strange thrill at playing the game for real at last. As for Hopkins, whether he wins the Oscar he deserves or not, Hannibal has already become a part of the permanent landscape of popular culture, alongside other unforgettable villains such as the Wicked Witch in *The Wizard of Oz* and Nurse Ratched in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. In its writing, directing and acting, *Silence of the Lambs* is a colossal achievement.▼

## "Diamond Dust"—New Performance/Play Now Casting

The new play *Diamond Dust* by artist Dexter Smith is beginning auditions for May, June and July performances. The entertainment is to be a combination of several art forms that the artist calls "layered," and incorporates not only acting, dancing and singing, but video art, on site painting, sculpture and poetry as well.

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by a young Russian woman, 'May There Always Be Sunshine.' We will be performing it."

Williamson and Fure return in time to perform on board the S.S. Dolphin during a seven-night cruise to the Caribbean, March 20-27, on Olivia Cruises.▼

## Cris Williamson and Tret Fure Head for Russia

Chris Williamson and Tret Fure are learning Russian. They want to be able to talk to their audiences in St. Petersburg and Moscow, as well as to those in many college towns and coffee houses.

Sponsored by Project Harmony, a not for profit cultural exchange and educational organization based in Vermont, Olivia recording artists Williamson and Fure are taking their music to the Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly the USSR), February 19 to March 9.

The tour starts in St. Petersburg with two concerts for the annual nationwide festival, Farmer '92. Then, making their way by train, with stopovers in Yaroslavl,

Vilnius, and Smolensk, Williamson and Fure end the tour in Moscow at a concert celebrating International Woman's Day on March 8.

"Russians have had such a dose of rock and roll and heavy metal," says Charlie Hosford of Project Harmony, "we know they will be wonderfully surprised by the depth of Cris and Tret's music. Theirs is music from the heart, and the Russians have a special appreciation of poetry put to music."

"We are going with a real open mind and heart," Cris Williamson says. "We will listen and pay attention to the people and how their lives are changing. We may struggle a bit with the language, but John McCutcheon sent us a song written

## Our Own Lesbian Voices

by Rosanna Herber  
OF MGW STAFF

Singer, songwriter Judy Fjell plans to create personal empowerment through lesbian voices at the SACWN Women's Herstory Concert on March 20th at the Clarion Inn.

A woman who has been called the "Sing Along Queen" by Paul Phillips of "Romanovsky and Phillips", Fjell isn't shy about her belief that singing plays an integral part in self discovery. Her notion is that our voices are tied to our self expression and the development of our lesbian and gay culture. As our voices grow so does our self esteem, and vice versa. Fjell is passionate when she states, "The development of one's own voice is very important in asserting who one is in a loving way."

Music Empowerment workshops that Fjell conducts throughout the country have taught her about the relationship between musical empowerment and personal

growth. "I believe that our musical power is not just connected with our spiritual power, it actually is our spiritual power," says Fjell. "Developing ones own voice in a singing context strengthens our voices in other contexts."

As an example, Fjell shares the story of a woman who is finally leaving a confining job and moving in a direction that better fits her heart's desire. The courage to take this step came from becoming musically empowered. "The power of her voice freed her to follow her inner self" says Fjell. "She is now less critical of herself and is more confident of who she is and what she can do."

Fjell will celebrate woman's herstory, and specifically lesbian herstory, by sharing a retrospective of women's music that is lesbian-affirming. Special guest Crystal Reeves, violinist-vocalist, will join her. The show begins at 7:30pm. Tickets are available through SACWN at 486-8985.▼

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## Relationships...Restoring Our Wholeness

by Sandra Warne  
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In my couples counseling I deal with many individuals who have found their partner defective in one way or another. A great percentage of these couples have become involved with one another before they have unpacked and examined their childhood wounds. They have not undergone relationship training and often feel doomed, discouraged and frustrated. What they don't understand is that nothing will change until they change. They won't get healthier and more mature until they have done their homework and preparation.

We tend to think we get involved with someone because of "love." It turns out in the end that our "free choices" are a result of our needs and are a product of our unconscious which has an agenda of its own. We are not usually aware that we are driven in relationships to heal the wounds of childhood. We react to chemistry. We do not realize that the chemistry we feel is no more than our unconscious attraction to someone we feel will meet our particular emotional needs. These are the emotional needs and psychological gaps left by our imperfect childhood caretakers. So, we fall madly in love with someone who has both the positive and negative traits of our imperfect parents, someone who fits the image that we carry deep inside us.

Unconsciously we want what we did not get in childhood from someone who is exactly like the people who didn't give us what we

wanted in the first place. Now we feel alive and whole, confident that we have met the person who will make everything all right. Unfortunately, since we have chosen someone with negative traits similar to those of our parents who wounded us in the first place, the chances of a more positive outcome this time are slim. It is through our relationships, if properly understood, that therapy takes place to grow and become whole, to return to our original joyful state.

We've got to learn to get our relationships right. The ingredients necessary for full growth and healing—attention, concentration, security, time, deepest intimacy, and the full mirroring of ourselves through our partner—are possible only in committed relationships. It is through the commitment to heal the other's wounds; to provide a safe haven for the partner to experience his or her wholeness over a life time, that we must educate, prepare and train for the journey of a conscious relationship.

When we were children, before self-consciousness set in, we acted spontaneously with total abandon and full involvement. Everything interested us, we whirled until we were dizzy, ran until we fell, sang unself-consciously. We all felt like that once; we experienced it. But then life's realities invariably intruded; our parents didn't always respond to our cries; the bottle was too hot or too cold; we fell out of bed; there was screaming, not enough hugs; a new brother came along; we were laughed at. We became afraid, and

we lost our sense of being fully alive, which we can only feel when we are safe, not scared, defensive, threatened or feeling inadequate. And we carry these feelings and our ways of coping with them, to our relationships. What we are searching for is our original aliveness.

It is the recapturing of our sense of relaxed joyfulness that we seek in relationships. When we fall in "love", we reawaken memories of that idealized state of connection and joy with which we've lost contact.

We connect our reawakened feeling to our beloved because he or she unconsciously reminds us of the first people with whom we associate those feelings—our caretakers. It is merely coincidence, however, that we associate our parents with that relaxed state of aliveness. They just happened to be on the scene then. It is, in fact, the deficiencies in our nurturing that originally stifled our access to joyful aliveness, as it is the shortcomings of our partners that dampen those feelings now. The underlying pain with our caretakers, and later our partners, is that they are not providing or facilitating the recovery of a new original state of wholeness. We end up blaming our lovers for their failure to sustain our newfound state of joyful vitality, while at the same time we stay bonded to them in the hope that they will still come through somehow.

Relationships pave the way for us to recapture our wholeness by correcting the distortion of caretaking and socialization that

distances us from our original selves. It is in unconditionally loving our partner, making it safe for them to open up to love, that allows their fullness to come back into being, so they can feel their renewed totality. But it is only in loving that we truly change the rigid parts of ourselves.

The particulars of your childhood, or your partnerships, have left specific wounds which must be healed in order to recapture your wholeness, and that is one of the tasks of relationship counseling.

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## 'It Only Seems Natural' California Episcopal Church Performs Same-Sex Marriages

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

PASADENA, Calif. — The All Saints Church has taken a bold stand on an issue that has threatened to tear apart the Episcopal Church in America - the marriage of same-sex couples. Two gay men - Mark Benson and Philip Straw - formalized their 8-year relationship in mid-February with the blessing of a church marriage and a lesbian couple are hoping to be married in the near future.

The Benson-Straw ceremony is not the first an Episcopal church has performed for gay and lesbian couples, but having the marriage service performed at All Saints - one of the five largest congregations on the West Coast in a fairly conservative area of Southern California - has sent some shock waves through more conservative Episcopal congregations. But most of the parishioners at All Saints Church support the marriages.

The Rev. George Regas, an activist priest whose congregation has supported a number of liberal

causes, has been the driving force behind convincing the church members of the appropriateness of recognizing same-sex relationships.

"I know them to be honorable people, good people, beautiful people," Regas says. "And so when they say, 'Can we bring our union into the church for the church's blessing and undergirding,' it only seems natural for me to say yes."

While a handful of anti-gay fundamentalists mounted a half-hearted protest outside All Saints earlier in February, Episcopalian clerics have also criticized the same-sex marriages at the church. "The scripture is very clear in condemning homosexual relationships and activity," says the Rev. James Stanton, whose parish is located in nearby Glendale. Stanton also says he's afraid the issue could continue to seriously divide the Episcopal Church.

At its convention last July, the Episcopal Church refused to exclude gays and lesbians from the priesthood in the 2.4-million member denomination or to reject same-sex marriages, leaving the questions in the hands of local bishops.

That stance has so outraged more conservative clerics that a few congregations have actually abandoned the Episcopal Church and become Catholic. In Britain, a leading conservative clergyman has also called for a formal schism of the Anglican Church into two divisions because of same-sex marriages and ordaining gay and lesbian priests.

But Christine Mackey and Sheila Mason say Regas is doing the right thing and that they hope to have their union blessed at All Saints this spring. "I hope that what George Regas and All Saints Church is doing, that eventually on down the road the state of California will fully recognize our type of relationship," said Mackey.▼

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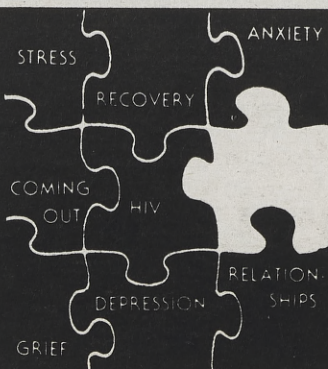
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## Canaries...

For someone who is tired of coming home to an empty house but lacks the time to interact with more demanding pets such as cats and dogs, the canary may be the perfect answer. According to Ginger Wolnik of Sunnyvale, a song canary breeder and current secretary of the Santa Clara Canary and Exotic Bird Club, canaries are rarely tame, and therefore human interaction is not critical. In a recent article in *The Pet Gazette*, Wolnik explains that a lone, male canary is perfectly happy looking out a window singing all day. And, she adds, "enjoy their song in the morning, and do not feel guilty if you are out late."

In addition, she explains in her article, "Adult male canaries sing to establish dominance and define territory," therefore, they do well alone and it is advisable to keep them in cages alone, thus avoiding fights. When paired, the dominant canary will sing while the other will not, and if they are worn out from fighting, neither will sing. The exception to this is during summer molt when they will lose their aggression toward each other.

Interestingly, the female does not sing and is never sold as a singing pet. Placed in with a male, they also may fight unless it is the springtime breeding season, and even then the male may not sing with the female in the cage. So, again, no guilt here for getting a single male and isolating him. That is when he will sing to his heart's content.

As with any pet, Wolnik stresses buying from a reputable breeder as the canary does not visibly age and there are no visible differences in the sexes. Baby canaries will sing a baby song, and both male and female babies will sing. This song will be softer than the adult male song, and in the male will develop into the mature singer, while some females will continue to sing the baby song. A reputable breeder will be less likely to make a mistake when helping you select a singer. In addition, a reputable breeder can advise the buyer on the

best breed for the type of song. Most pet shops carry domestic hartz canaries which translates into a pet-grade bird. While some of these sing nicely, they are often inconsistent. Apparently a red-colored canary is the new vogue and, according to Wolnik, they sing a loud, "chopper" song which is cheerful but can be "repetitive and annoying."

If the song is what is important to you, consider either the German Roller or the American Singer. The Roller has a very delicate song and resembles classical music, is rarely offensive, but often isn't loud enough to be heard over our modern household sounds. The American Singer is louder but is not supposed to be too loud or harsh. And, according to Wolnik, a good bird should sing freely with a wide variety of melodies. And, she adds, ideally you should hear a bird sing before buying, regardless of breed or color. For more information on canaries, you can call Wolnik at 408-739-3995.

## Springtime Cautions...

The March issue of *Dog Fancy* magazine contains a warning to pet owners regarding the herbicide 2,4-D, a chemical used to kill dandelions and other common lawn weeds, which may lead to lymphatic cancer in dogs. According to a recent study in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, researchers found that dogs whose owners used the herbicide 2,4-D on their lawns four times a year were twice as likely to develop lymphatic cancer as dogs not exposed to the herbicide.

The National Cancer Institute study included 491 dogs with the disease. They also determined that even an annual application of 2,4-D, used to kill broadleaf weeds, raises the risk of cancer by one-third. And, the results of the study suggest that the chemical may also present a threat to human health. Thus, be warned to read labels carefully and think twice before applying something that might endanger Rover. *Dog Fancy* suggests dusting off the gardening shears and hoe, hoe, hoe!

My friend, Dr. Jim at Pocket South Pet Hospital, suggests that pesticides be used according to directions only. Watch for such symptoms as hyper-salivation, tremors and loss of appetite as possible signs that your pet might be suffering a toxic reaction. When in doubt about any chemical, don't use it is the very best advice that I can give. And, keep your veterinarian's number close to the phone so that you can always call if you think there is a problem. As with your own health, don't wait for things to pass—you could wait too long, with disastrous results.

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by Dave Eckert  
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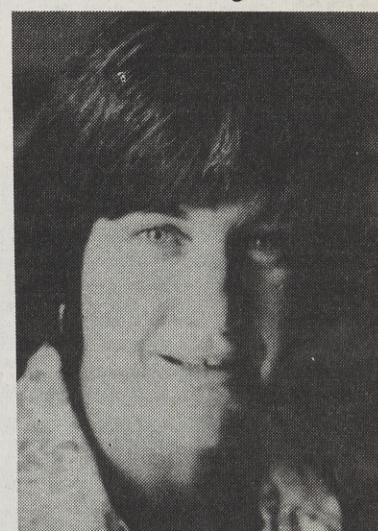
Rev. Jane Spahr, a Presbyterian pastor who has spent twelve years of her life developing a local ministry to Marin County lesbians, gays and bisexuals after coming out and being forced to resign as head of the Oakland Council of Presbyterian Churches in 1979, is facing yet a new challenge from her denomination.

Last fall the Downtown United Presbyterian Church of Rochester, New York called Spahr to fill a position of co-pastor, the first time that a Presbyterian church has called an openly gay or lesbian person to any clergy position and the first call Spahr has received from her denomination since coming out in 1979. Because she was ordained in 1974, Spahr is exempt from the denomination's 1978 ban on the installation of openly gay and lesbian ministers. Spahr went to Rochester full of hope, convinced that she had a historic opportunity to witness to the ability of openly gay and lesbian people to pastor an essentially straight congregation.

After spending four and a half hours with the Rochester congregation, which resulted in a 90% vote for approval, and 2 hours with the Presbytery of Genesee Valley (the denomination's Rochester-area ruling body), which voted to approve by a vote of 121-46, Spahr felt for the first time that she had found an accepting home within her traditional denomination, a place where she could be appreciated and affirmed for who she is.

Within the last month, however, some nine congregations of the 76 churches within the Presbytery of Genesee Valley filed protests with the presbytery's judicial committee, claiming that Spahr's call was "irregular." The presbytery, in turn, issued a stay of enforcement until the complaints are heard by the various layers of judicial committees within the denomination, with the possibility of it being heard before the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission in October of this year. Until the complaints are resolved, Spahr will remain in Marin at the helm of Ministry of Light, a social outreach to gays and lesbians which she founded in 1982.

When asked how she felt about the situation, Spahr replied, "This is the work we do. This is what I'm called to do." She is fully prepared to wait on the determination of whatever judicial body is necessary to affirm her call to the Rochester church. "Twelve years of Ministry of Light has helped us help other people to speak the truth," Spahr said. "We must go on speaking the truth no matter how difficult that might be."



Rev. Jane Spahr

Other ministerial candidates within the Presbyterian Church are taking up Spahr's example and openly declaring their sexuality before their congregations and local presbyteries. Most find acceptance and support within their local congregations, especially if those congregations have declared themselves "More Light" churches and adopted a statement that expresses their intention to welcome, elect and ordain gays and lesbians as members and church officers. It is when candidates seek presbytery approval for their ordination that obstacles are raised. Ironically, these "More Light" churches fly in the face of stated Presbyterian policy, and it is this irony that has placed Spahr in her current position. The other irony is that if Spahr had chosen to remain silent about her sexual orientation, no objection would have been raised. The current uncertainty in church policy favors gay and lesbian clergy members who chose to remain in the closet. But that is not Spahr's way. In a recent interview in the *Advocate* she declared, "We just won't be quiet. We don't want to be." ▼

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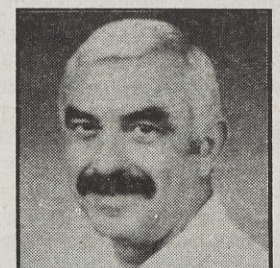
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## MARCH

### ▼ 2 - Monday

"Who Am I, the Double Identity Problem", Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Center, 7pm, 442-0815.

"Women's Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse", 6:30pm, 783-0579.

### ▼ 4 - Wednesday

Kathleen Brown, State Treasurer, Sacramento Women's Network, Beverly Garland Hotel, 1780 Tribute, 11:30am, 448-8203.

### ▼ 5 - Thursday

GLAAD/SFBA Meeting, 514 Castro #B, SF, 7pm, 415-861-4588.

Lesbian Support Group for Partners of Incest Survivors, 1701 H St., 7pm.

### ▼ 6 - Friday

Youth Group Meeting, Lambda Center, 442-0815.

Youth Visibility Week, Mar 6-14, GLAAD/LA, 213-998-3123.

### ▼ 7 - Saturday

UOP Diversity Fair, UOP, Anderson Y Center, 265 W. Knoles, Stockton, 10 am, 209-946-2444.

"Breaking the Silence", UOP Diversity Fair, 12 pm, 946-2444.

"HIV/AIDS and Cultural Diversity", UOP Diversity Fair, 2 pm, 209-946-2444.

One Day Seminar for Partners of Incest Survivors, Parents United, 5120 Manzanita, Suite 110, 10am, \$50, 344-0249.

Invisible Students at Risk, Martin Rogers and Theresa Corrigan, Cal State Univ. SAC, 9am, 278-7970.

Organization Meeting for SAC Gay & Lesbian Veterans, Social Hall MCC, 7:30pm, 446-6405.

"Keeping It Up", Lambda Center, WCIC Auditorium, 3555 3rd Ave., 10am, 442-0185.

### ▼ 8 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, \$2-\$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

Diversity Fair (See Mar. 7)

"Neglect of Gay Youth by the Education Establishment", UOP Diversity Fair, 10 am, 209-946-2444.

"Contemporary Issues in Gay & Lesbian Cinema", UOP Diversity Fair, 2 pm, 209-946-2444.

Gay Fathers Pot Luck, 6pm, call 456-3237 for information and location.

### ▼ 9 - Monday

Laurel Zucker, CSUS, Music Recital Hall, 8 pm, \$5 general, \$3 student, 278-6514.

"Parting Glances", UOP Diversity Fair, 8 pm, 209-946-2444

"The Eternal Dignity of Women," CSUS, Redwood Room, University Union, 10am, 278-7388.

"Mexican Potluck", Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Center, 7pm, 442-0185.

"Press, Politics and the Law," State Capitol, 8:30am (registration is at 8), \$75, 757-8655.

### ▼ 11 - Wednesday

Common Sense Dog Training, La Sierra, 925-7355.

### ▼ 12 - Thursday

Heart Strings 1992 National Tour, a project of The Design Industries Foundation For AIDS (DIFFA), 8pm, Sacramento Convention Center.

"An Event in Three Acts", The NAMES Project, SAC Community Convention Center, Mar. 12-15, call for times and prices, 923-2951.

### ▼ 13 - Friday

Leatherfest IV, Mission Valley Holiday Inn, 595 Hotel Circle S., San Diego, \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members, thru Mar. 17, 619-286-2427.

Good Vibrations 15th Anniversary Bash, 7-10pm, 1210 Valencia St, S.F., 415-550-7399.

"Human Sexuality and Christianity", UOP Diversity Fair, 10am, 209-946-2444.

SLCC Executive Board Meeting, 448-3130.

Poetry, Time Tested Books, \$2-\$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

### ▼ 14 - Saturday

Learning to Make a Difference, Sacramento Family Community Leadership, Topics: How to run an effective meeting & Communication—listening & feedback, \$5, 9am-12 noon, Cooperative Extension, 4145 Branch Center Rd, Sac 95827, 336-2013.

CA NOW Legislative Workshop, LA Airport Hyatt (Mikado Room), 6225 W. Century Blvd., LA, \$25.

Seminar for Survivors of Extreme Child Abuse, Survivors Reaching Out, Holiday Inn, 967-8277, 361-3238.

Third Spring Plant Faire & Sale, Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 10am, 331-3057, 443-9413.

Gwen Avery, I.M.A. Cultural Center, Bodega, 8pm, \$12, 707-876-3004.

"Beginning in Bondage Play", Leather First, a free computer board, beginning class, 362-4663 or 974-1262.

Chanticleer, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 8pm, \$18, \$14 student/senior, 415-896-5866.

### ▼ 15 - Sunday

Gwen Avery, "The Blues: Piano & Vocals", IMA Center, Bodega, 1pm, \$35, 707-876-3004.

### ▼ 16 - Monday

Roller Skating Party, Sponsored by Saga IV, King's Skate Country, 2900 Bradshaw Rd at Hwy 50, 8:30pm-10:30pm, \$5 includes skate rentals, Keith Thomas, 455-0986.

"Spiritual Autobiography," Charla Wistos, 10 Monday evenings beginning tonight, 1216 18th St., 6pm, \$35 per week, \$25 deposit, 443-4947.

"Is There A Lesbian Paradise?", Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Center, 7pm, 442-0185.

Women's Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, 6:30pm, 783-0579.

### ▼ 17 - Tuesday

"Big Bang Concert," Ray Charles, Arco Arena, \$18-30, benefitting the SAC Symphony, BASS Tickets

### ▼ 19 - Thursday

Les Brown, SAC Convention Center, 7:30pm, KVIE, 929-5843.

"Ms Stripper of the Year Contest," Cafe San Marcos, 2367 Market, S.F., 8pm, \$10 donation, 415-346-8908.

Lesbian Support Group for Partners of Incest Survivors, 1701 H St., 7pm.

### ▼ 20 - Friday

SAC Symphony, Jeffrey Kahane, piano, SAC Community Center, 8pm, also Saturday, Mar. 21.

Judy Fjell, SACWN's "Women's Herstory Concert", Clarion Inn, 7:30pm, 486-8985.

Hot SLCC Nite, Marsha Oritt + Financial Planning beyond the paycheck, 7pm, 687-7282.

### ▼ 21 - Saturday

International Ms Leather Contest 1992, "Hell on Wheels", Club Townsend, 177 Townsend St., S.F., 3pm, 415-626-1672

Sacramento Master Singers, "Requiem", St. Francis Church, 26th & K Sts., 8pm, \$6-8, 967-2762.



## Chanticleer will be in Sacramento Saturday, March 14.

### ▼ 22 - Sunday

GLAAD/East Bay Meeting, Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 7 pm, 510-273-9176.

### ▼ 23 - Monday

"Coming Out: The Unending Process", Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Center, 7pm, 442-0185.

### ▼ 26 - Thursday

SPCA Annual Used Book Sale, Country Club Plaza, Watt & El Camino, thru Apr. 5, books may be dropped off at the Shelter during regular hours, 383-7387.

### ▼ 27 - Friday

Desert Shore Campout, Dinah Shore Weekend 1992, RW Productions, Lake Calhoun, 619-343-2207.

Eartha Kitt, SAC Symphony, SAC Community Center, 8pm.

### ▼ 28 - Saturday

Sharon Burch, Claudia Gomez, IMA Retreat Center, Bodega, 8pm, \$12, 707-876-3004.

1st Annual National Play-The Recorder Day, SAC Chapter, American Recorder Society, Sunrise Mall, 10am, 452-7693.

### ▼ 29 - Sunday

Claudia Gomez, "Latin American Guitar and Songs," IMA Center, Bodega, 1pm, \$35, 707-876-3004.

### ▼ 30 - Monday

Lesbians Loving Latex-Sexuality, Ms. Julie Weckstein, M.S.W., 920 20th Street, Second Floor, 7pm, 448-2437.

"Secret Questions," Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Center, 7pm, 442-0185.

Women's Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, 6:30pm, 783-0579.

## APRIL

### ▼ 2 - Thursday

GLAAD/SFBA Meeting, 514 Castro #B, SF, 7pm, 415-861-4588.

### ▼ 3 - Friday

Sac Symphony, Nigel Kennedy, violin, SAC Community Center, 8pm, thru Apr. 5.

Country & Western Dance for Lesbians & Gay Men, SLCC, Camelia Room, Tuesday Club, 27th & L, 8pm, 448-3130

### ▼ 5 - Sunday

Tim Warford Memorial Bowlathon to

"STRIKE OUT AIDS", sponsored by LAMBDA Community Center and Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Land Park Bowl, afternoon, 442-0185.

March On Washington, April 25, 1993. Plan to be there!

## ▼ THEATRE

"The Baddest of Boys," Theater Rhinoceros, Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, S.F., May 14-31, 415-861-5079.

Bus Stop, Mar 20-May 10, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

"Dark Fruit", Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, thru Mar. 8, 8pm, 3583 16th St. at Market, SF, \$10, 415-861-7933.

Dial M For Murder, thru April 5, Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 12:20pm & 7pm, \$14.50-\$18.50, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

"The Frogs and Other Tales", for children, B Street Theatre, Jan 25, Feb 8, 15, 22 & 29, Mar 7, 1pm, children \$4, adults \$8, 442-5635.

Godspell, directed by Donna J. Sparks, sponsored by Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Fri, Sat & Sun, Mar 6-28, 8pm, call for exact dates & times, 449-7228.

Greater Tuna, national hit comedy Feb 11 thru April 5th, 24th Street Theater, 557-1999.

"Latins Anonymous", Sacramento Theater Company, Mar. 6-29, 1419 H St., \$12-21, call 443-6722 for times.

Leesha Divar (Singing, Comedy), Our Place, Thursday Nights, 8:30-10:30 pm, 649-8420.

Levitation, Lambda Community Center, Sat & Sun nights 8:15pm, May 23-June 21.

Men of Manhattan, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Sat & Sun nights, 8:15pm, March 21-April 19.

Murder Mystery Dinner, The York Hotel, Feb. 22, Mar. 14, Apr. 4, May 9, 940 Sutter St., SF, 415-885-6800.

"The New Moon", Davis Comic Opera Co., Apr. 9-12, 16-18, Veterans Memorial Theater, 14th and B St, Davis, 916-758-3262.

The Odd Couple, thru April 11, Fri & Sat, 8:30pm, \$10, Stagedoor Comedy Playhouse, 2120 Royale Rd, 927-0942.

## ▼ GALLERIES

Crocker Art Museum, Wed thru Sun., 10 am-5 pm. Extended hours Thurs til 9 pm 1421 K Street, 449-6711.

Anita Lee, designer of elegant jewelry & fiber wall sculpture, Matrix Members' Gallery.

Miriam Davis, "Pain Transfigured, Archival Framing, Mar. 3-27, reception Mar. 7, 7pm, 444-9624.

"Heat", by William Gilbert, Institute for Design and Experimental Art, Mar. 7-Apr 18, reception Mar. 7, 7pm, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

Lost & Found and Collectivism, The Center for Contemporary Art, thru Mar. 29, \$1 donation requested, 1116 15th St., 448-6269.

"Gathering", an Asian American Women Artists Association juried exhibition, Feb. 3-Mar. 6, Lite Rail Gallery, 912 12th St., 441-1013.

"The Shell Series", Judy Hall, The Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., thru April, 488-1211.

Nina Glaser, Photographs, Morphos Gallery, 544 Hays St., S.F., Feb. 28-Apr. 5, 415-626-1936.

"Horary Astrology at Work," Doris Chase Doane, President, American Federation of Astrologers, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., Sun., Mar. 22, 1pm, 447-0132.

Oklahoma, Fri & Sat 8:15pm, Sun 2:15pm, \$10 general, \$8 students/seniors, Davis Musical Theatre, 2121 2nd St, Davis, 756-3682.

Original Script, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Sat & Sun nights 8:15pm, July 25-Aug 23.

"Our Country's Good," California Stage Co., T Street Theater, 47th & T, Thu.-Sat., Mar. 12-Apr. 4, 8pm, \$8-10, 451-5822.

"Rumors", Foothill Theater Co., opens Mar. 13 thru Apr. 11, Nevada Theater, Nevada City, NV, 916-265-8587.

"Studio Works", Jazz-ee Dance Co., CSUS Physical Education Bldg., Rm. 187, Thur.-Sat., Mar. 12-14, 8pm, 278-6306.

The Three Penny Opera, Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm, \$8 general, \$5 students/CSUS Alumni SARTA, CSUS Theatre, 6000 J St, call for exact times & dates, 278-6604.

"Torch Song Trilogy", Reno Little Theater, Feb. 21 for three weeks, 690 N. Sierra St., Reno, NV, 702-329-0661.

"Twice Over", Theater Rhinoceros, opens Mar. 7, 8pm, \$20, 2926 16th St., SF, 415-861-5079.

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?", The Show Below, 2130 L St., Mar. 6-Apr. 11, \$12, 8pm, 2:30pm Sunday matinee, 446-2787.

Music Circus Summer Schedule:

Chess, July 6-12.

Oklahoma, July 13-19.

Fiddler on the Roof, July 20-26.

The Sound of Music, July 27-August 2.

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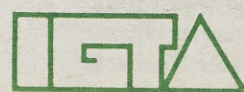
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